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(54) **PORTABLE SHOOTING TARGET**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A collapsible, portable target shooting apparatus that is easily transported and constructed in the field, backyard, or other location for shooters to use for training and recreation. When collapsed, the apparatus lies generally flat. When expanded and assembled, portions of the apparatus comprise graphics for target shooting. A shelving system supports a variety of targets, including, but not limited to, three-dimensional targets such as fruit, cans, bottles, or any similar item. The apparatus may be made of cardboard, stiff paper, plastic, Kevlar, wood, metal, Styrofoam, or similar materials, or combinations thereof.

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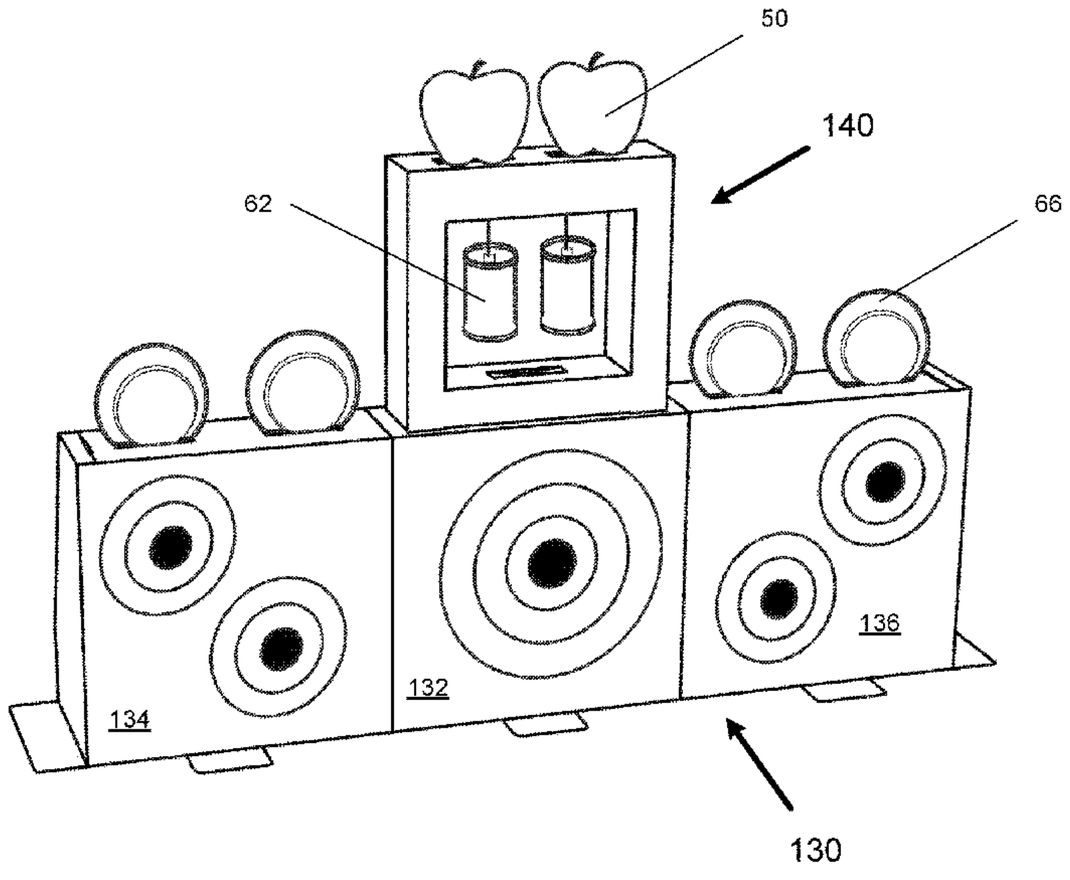

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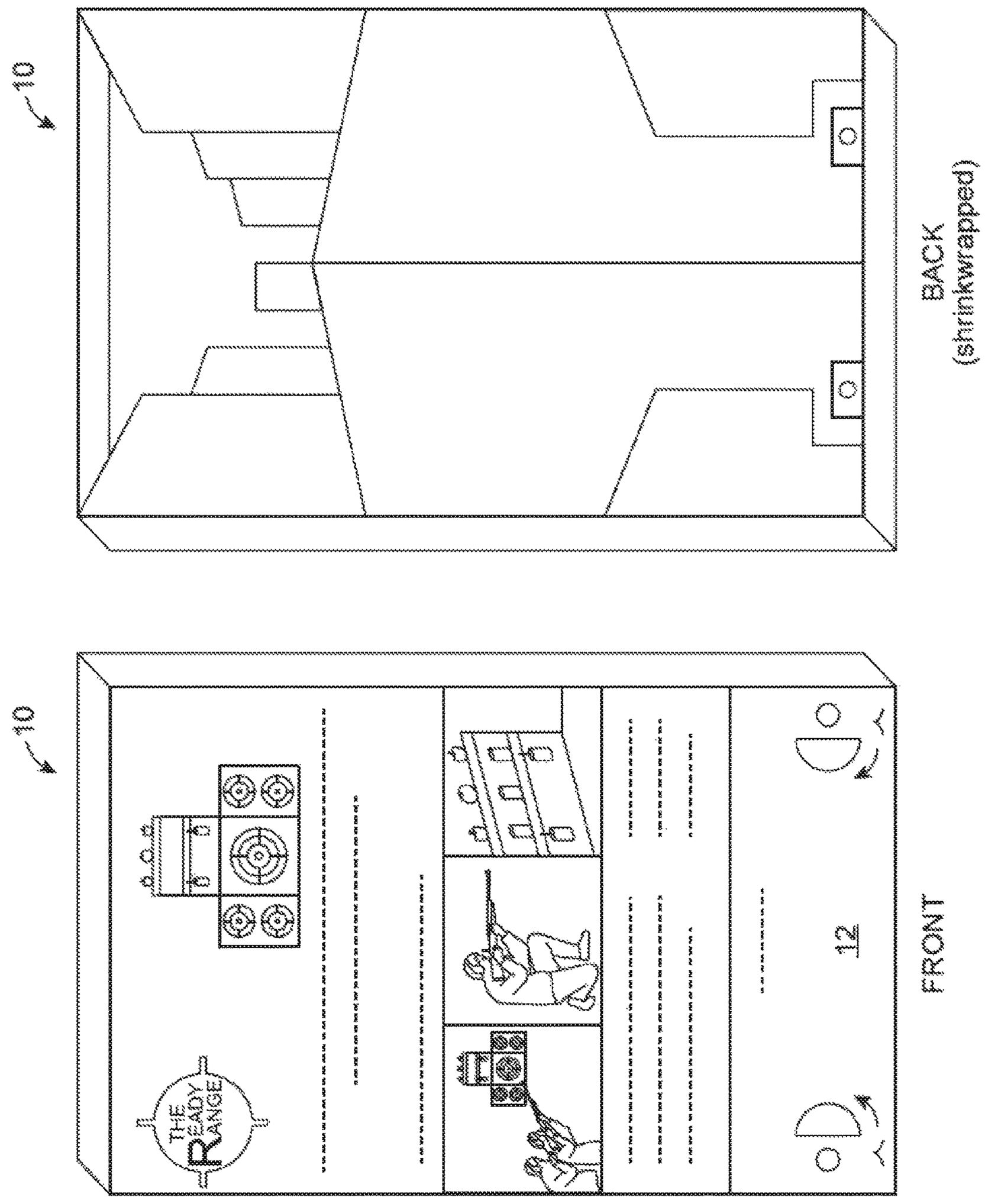


FIGURE 1

Step 1: Flat and Unassembled, Unfolding

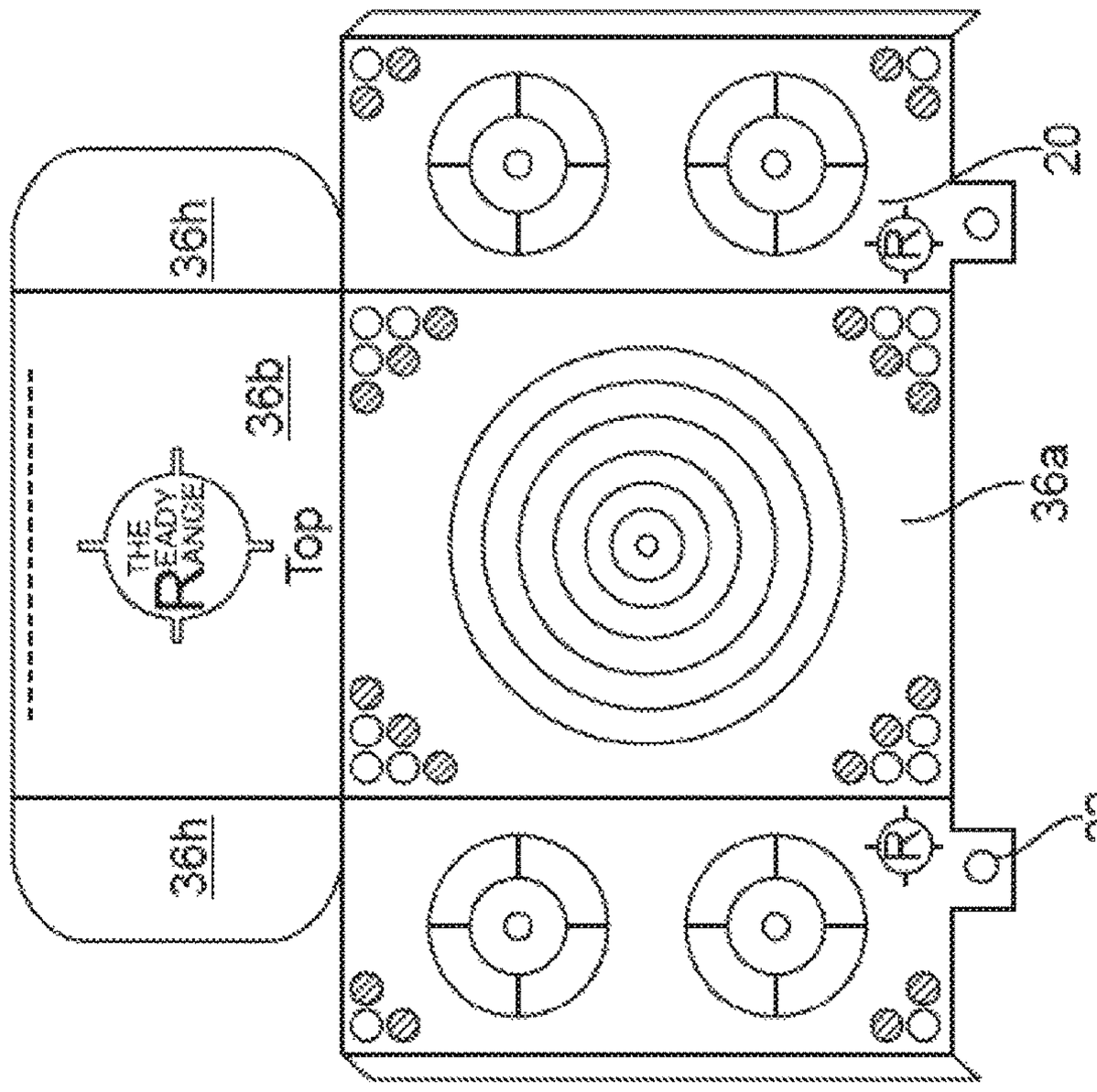
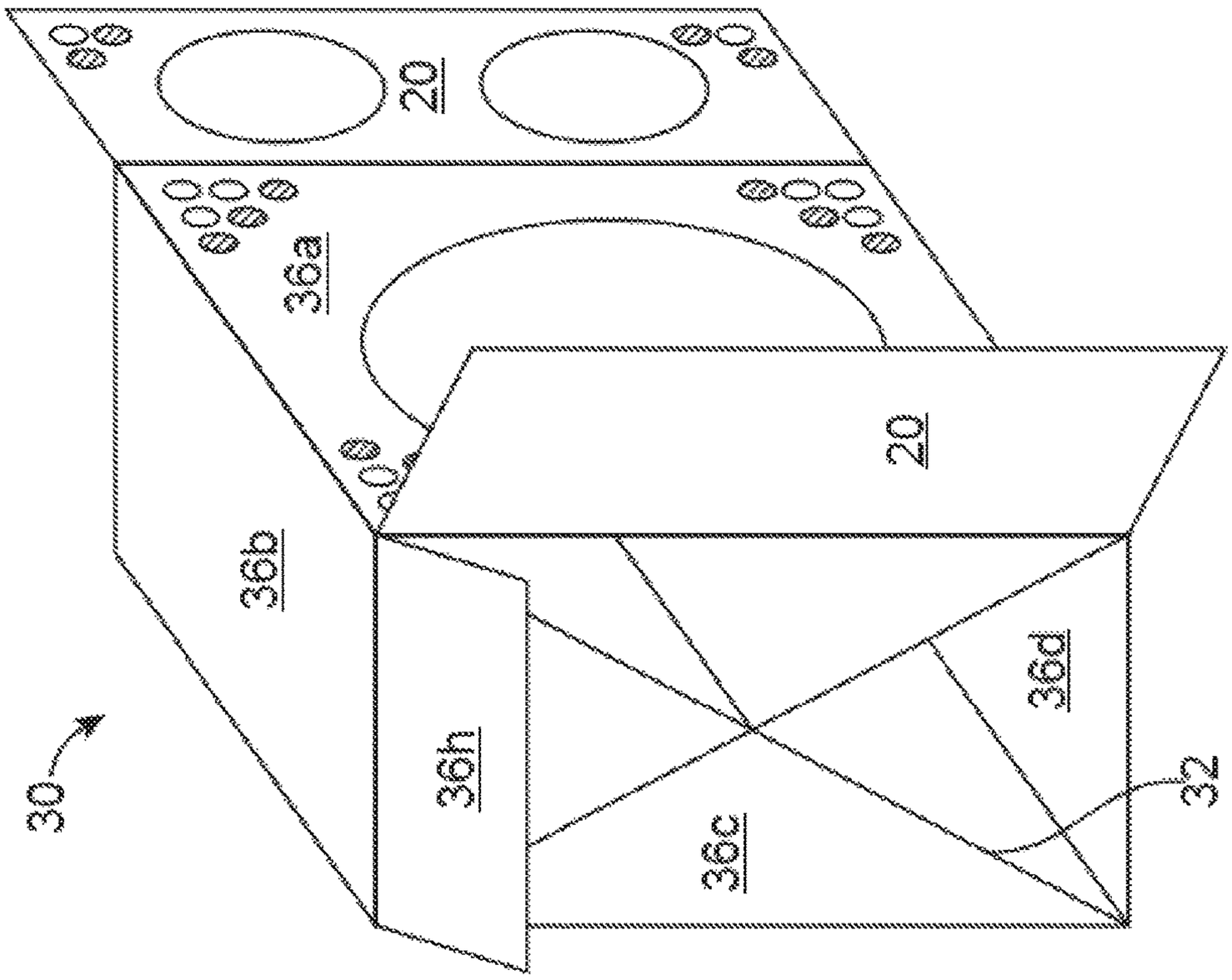


FIG. 2A

Step 2: Box Reinforcement



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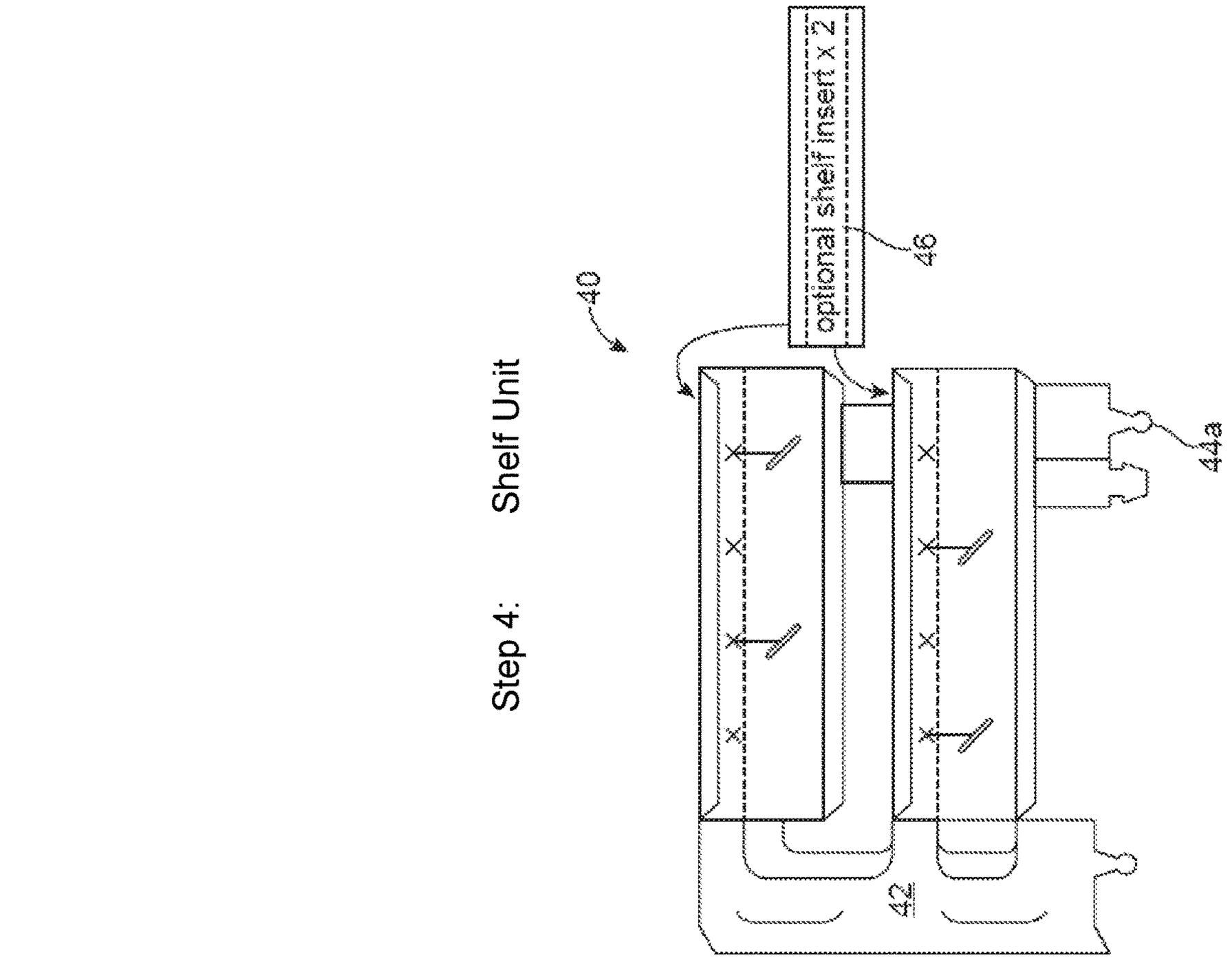
Step 4: Shelf Unit
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optional shelf insert x 2
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44a
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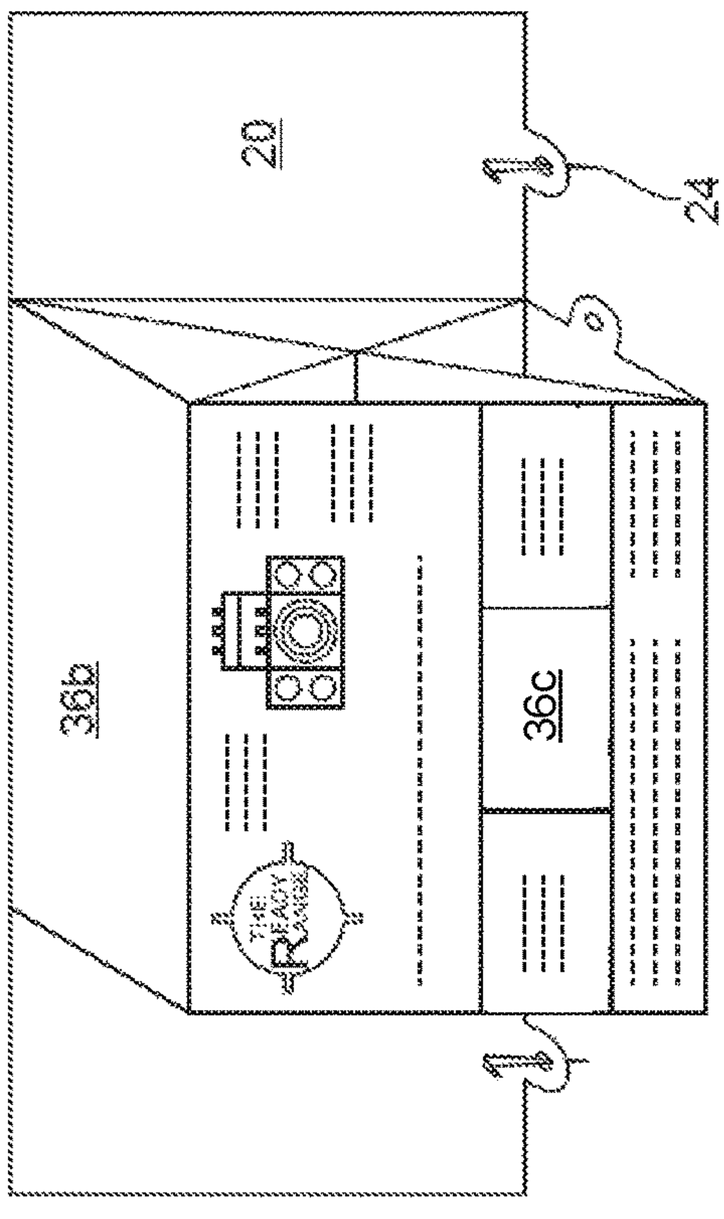
FIG. 2D


Step 3: Staked (rear view)
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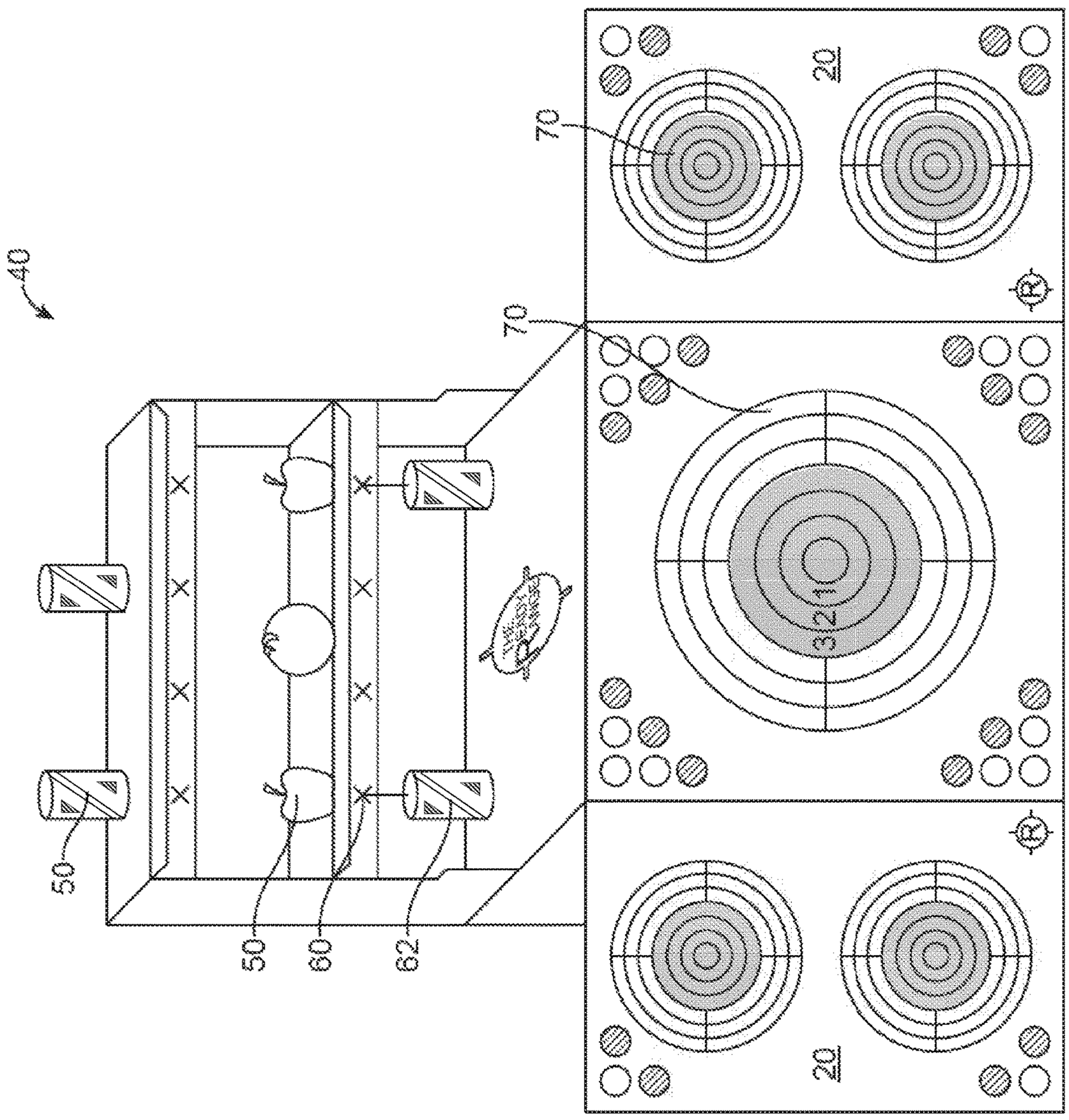
36b
36c

FIG. 2C



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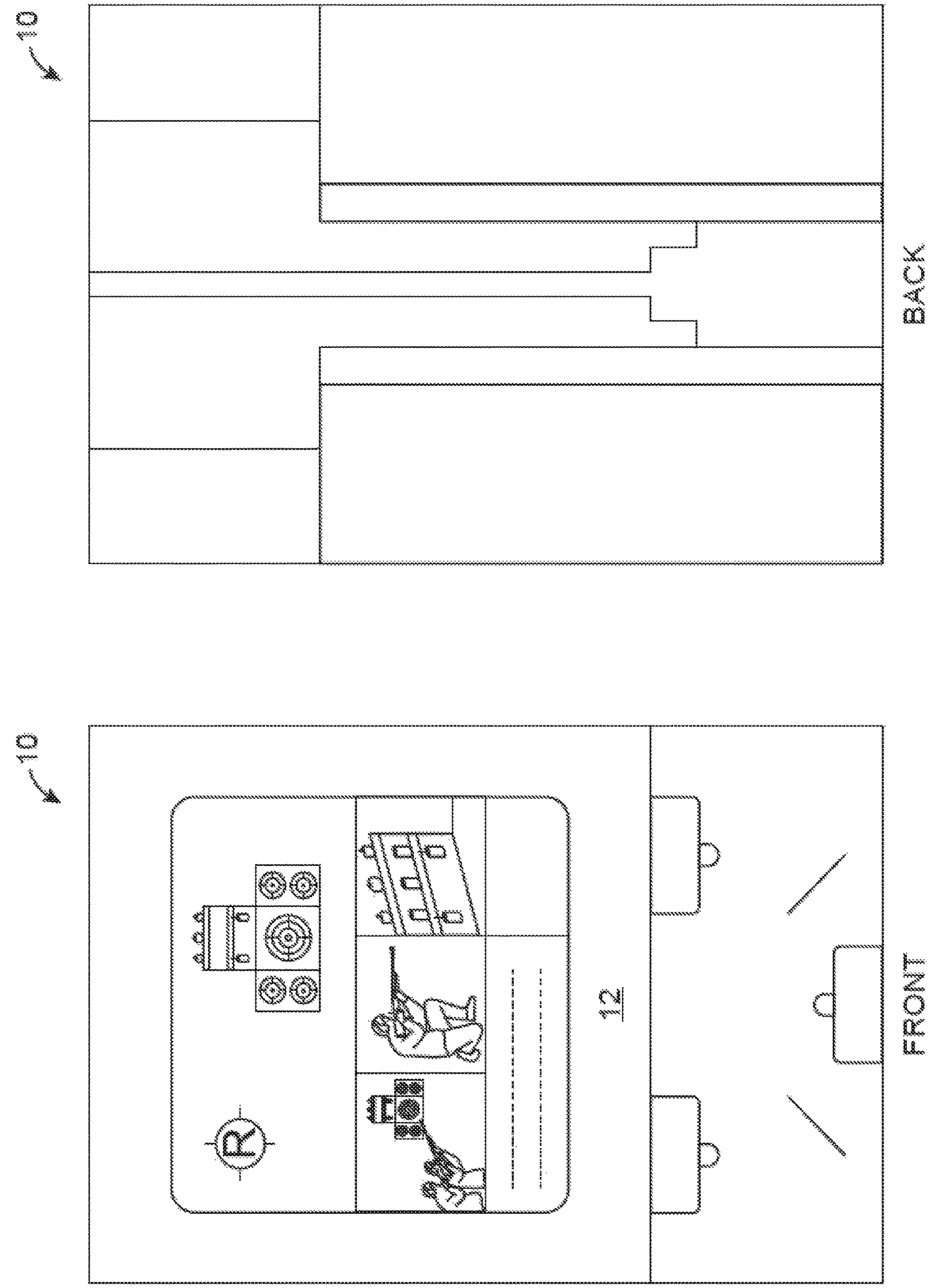

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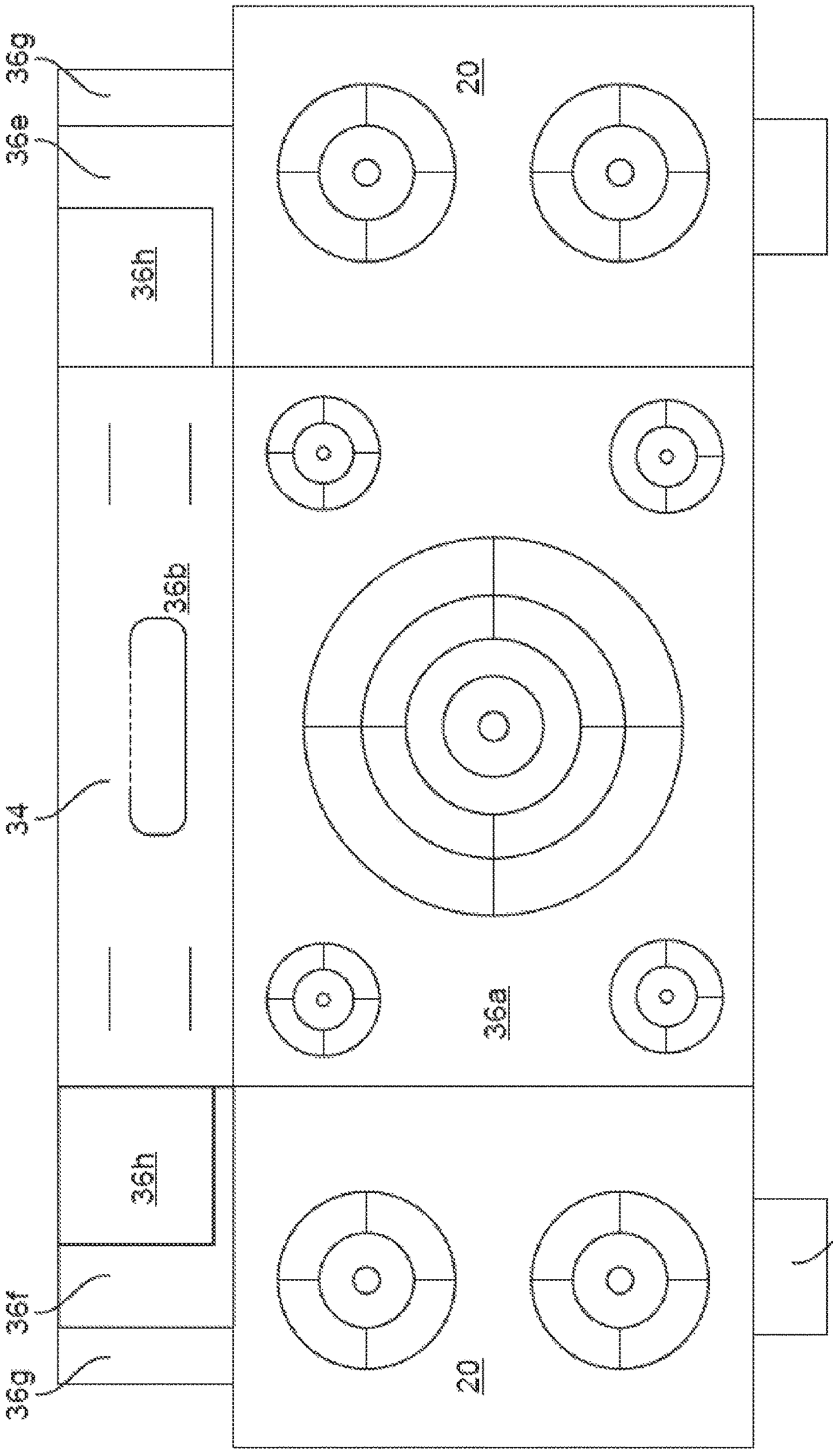

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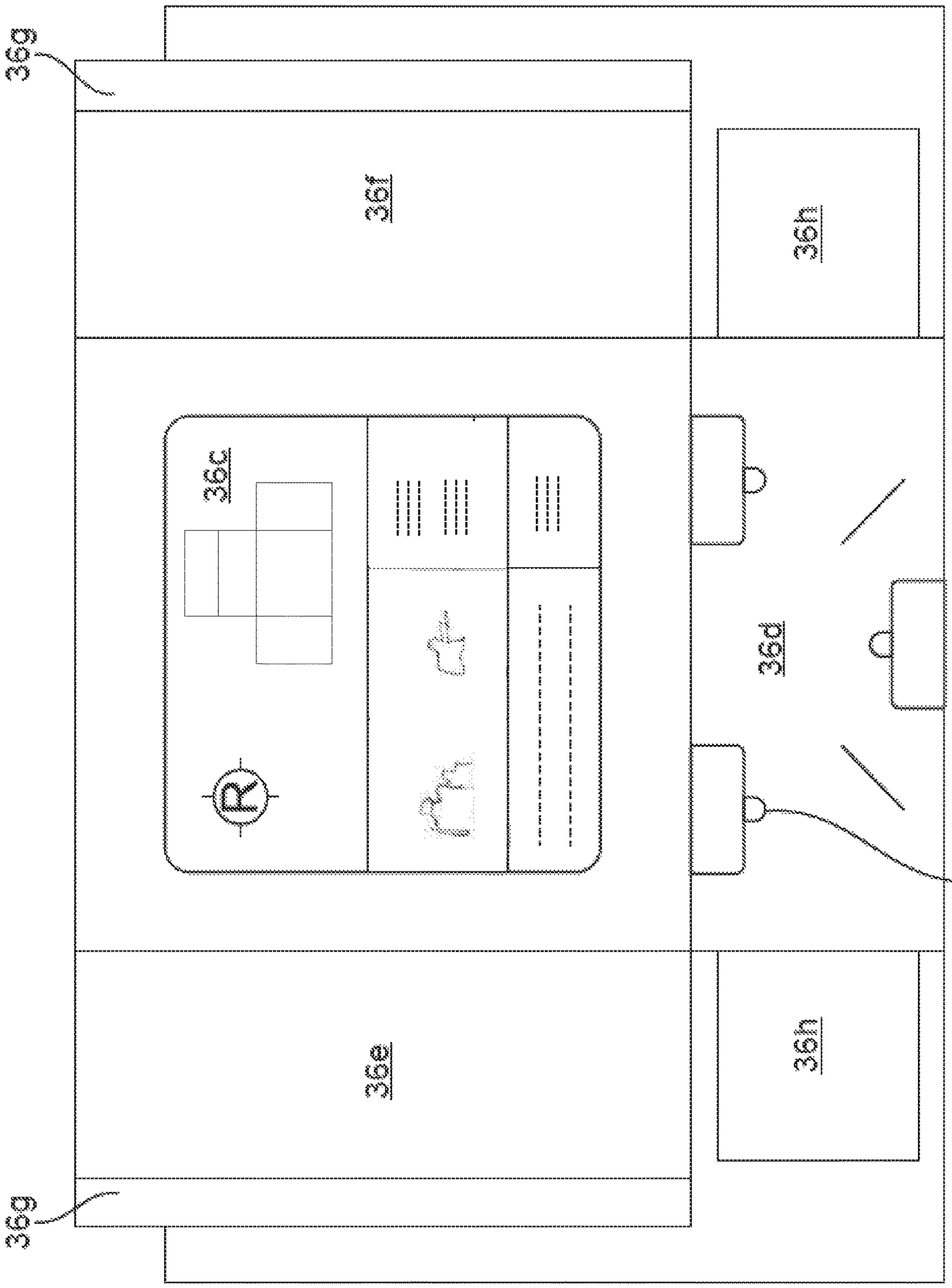

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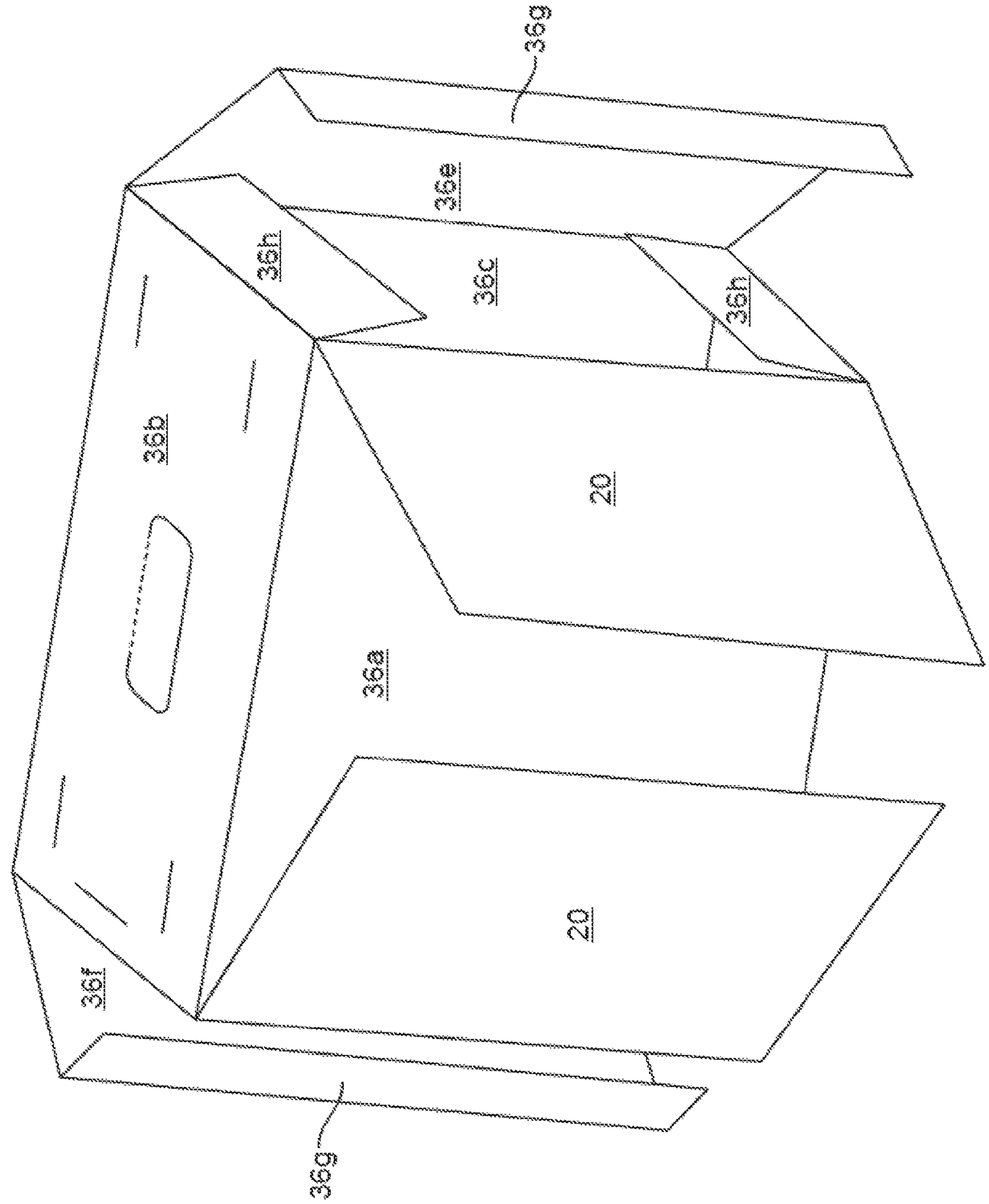

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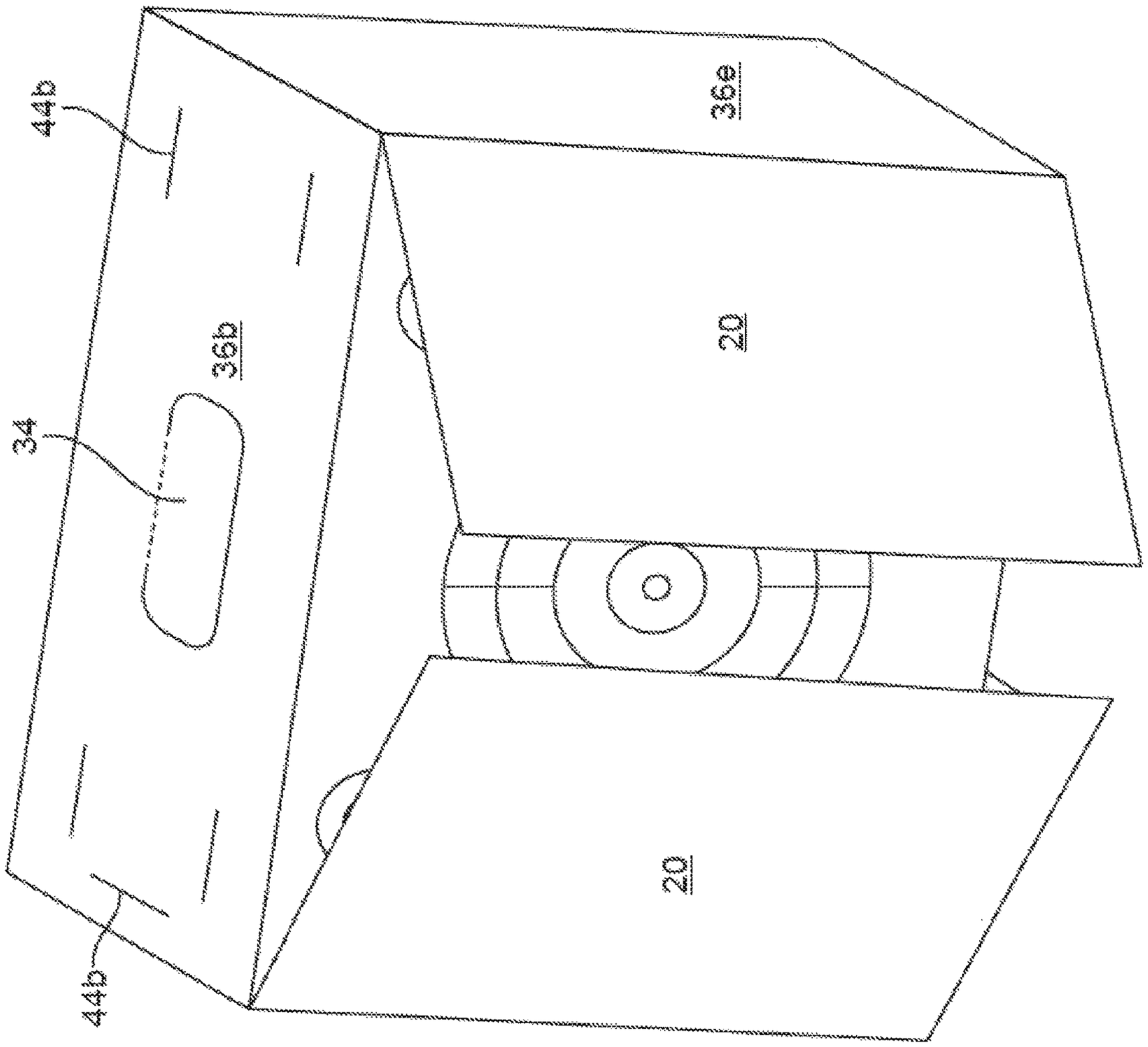

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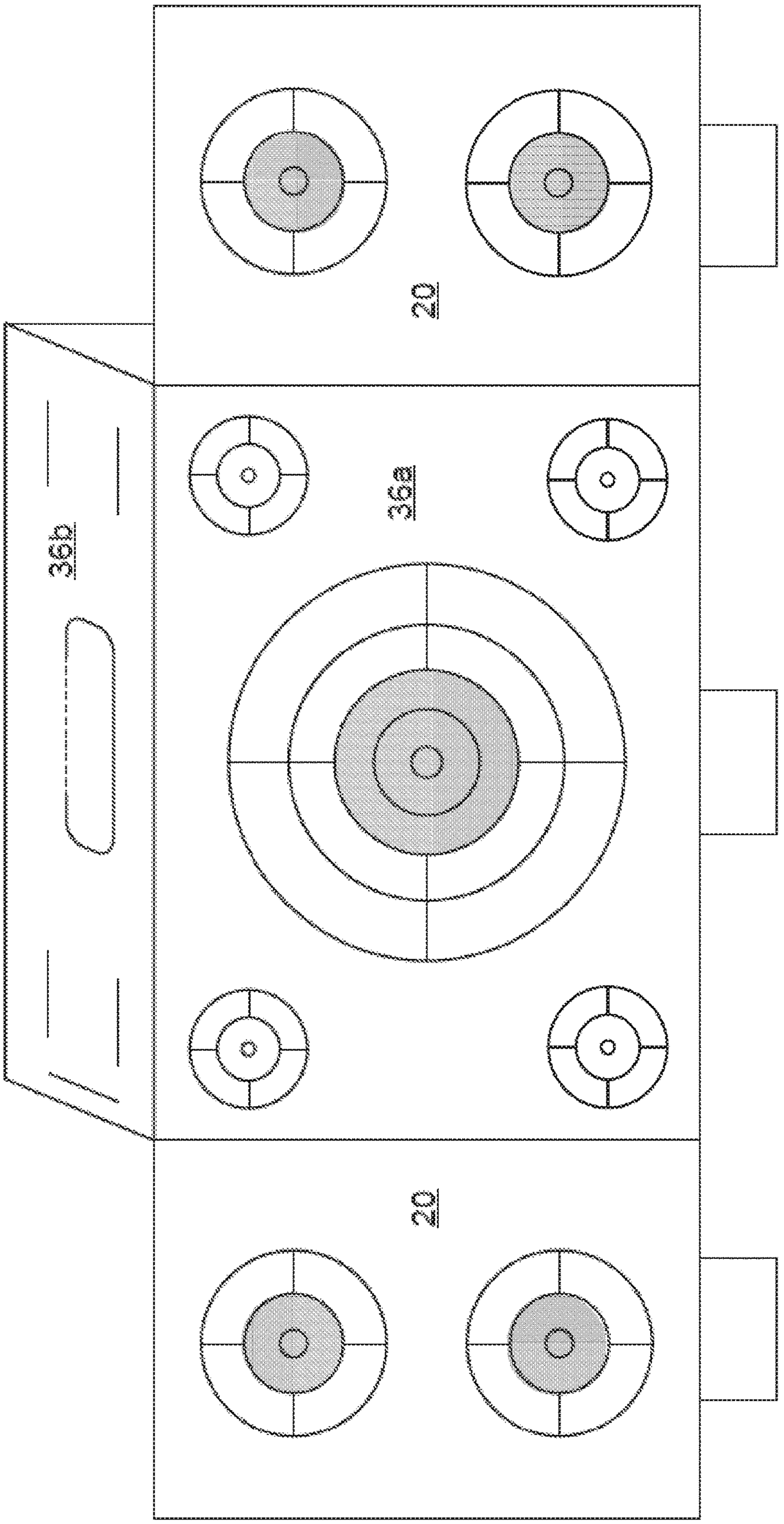

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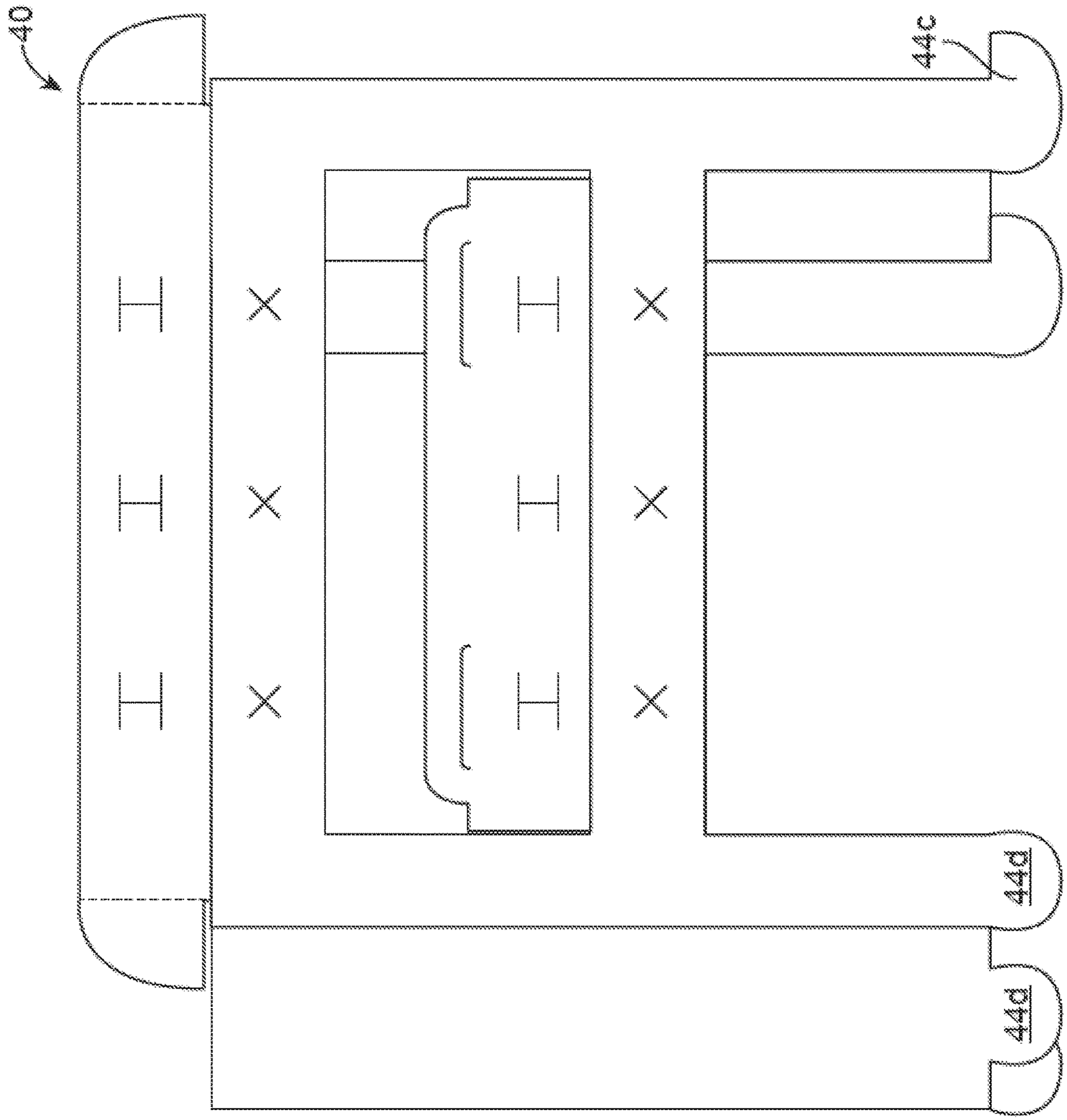

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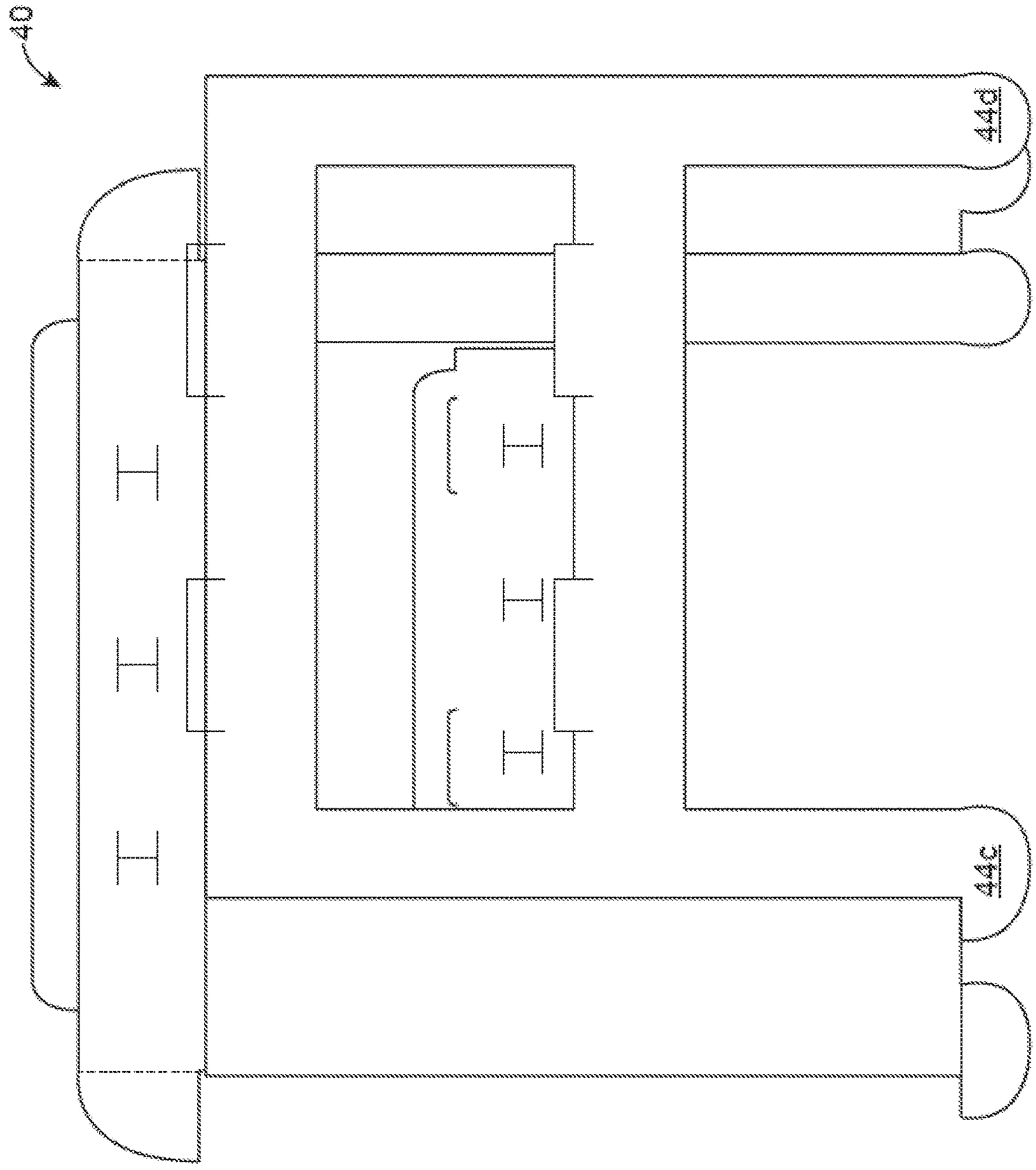

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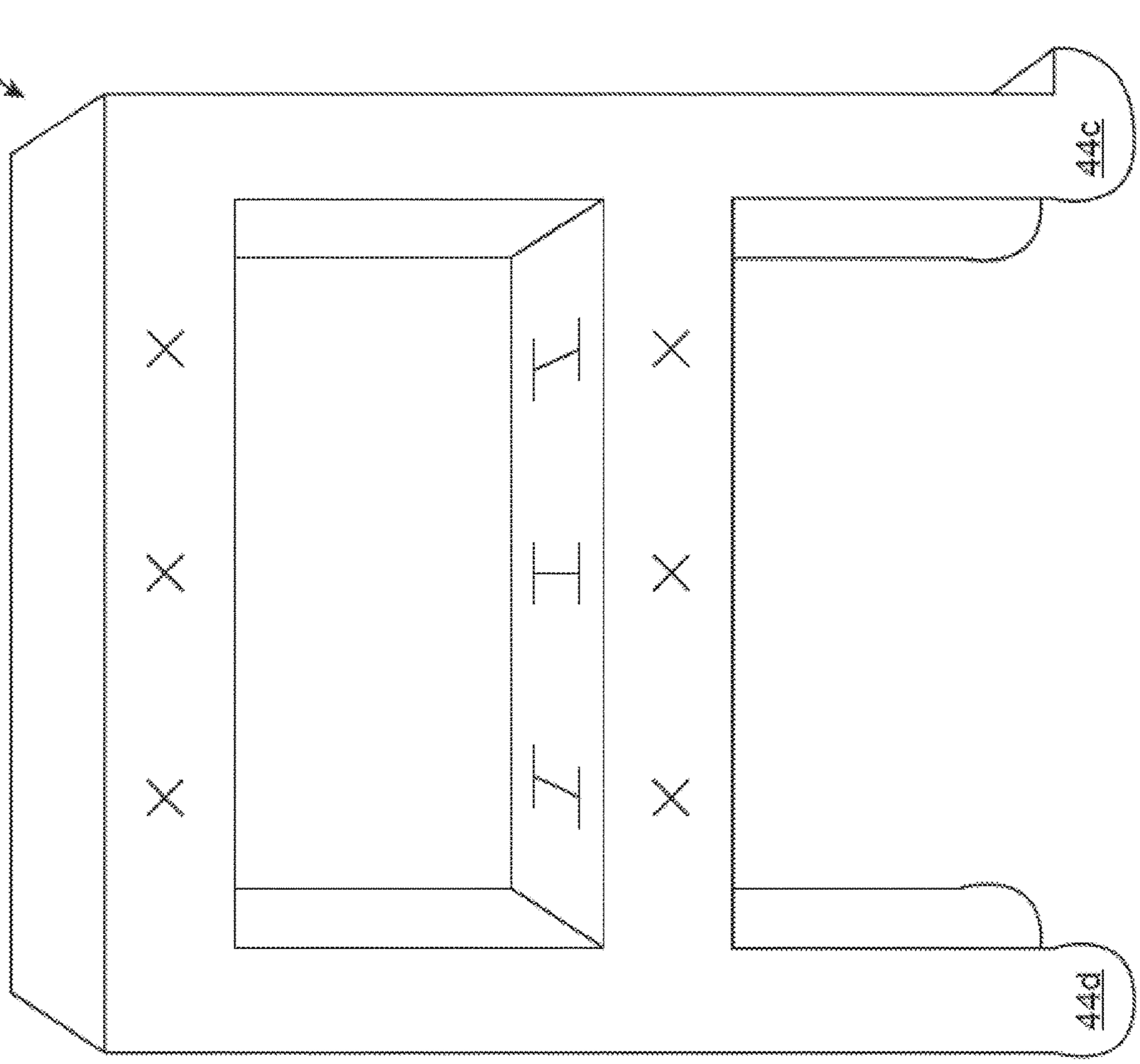

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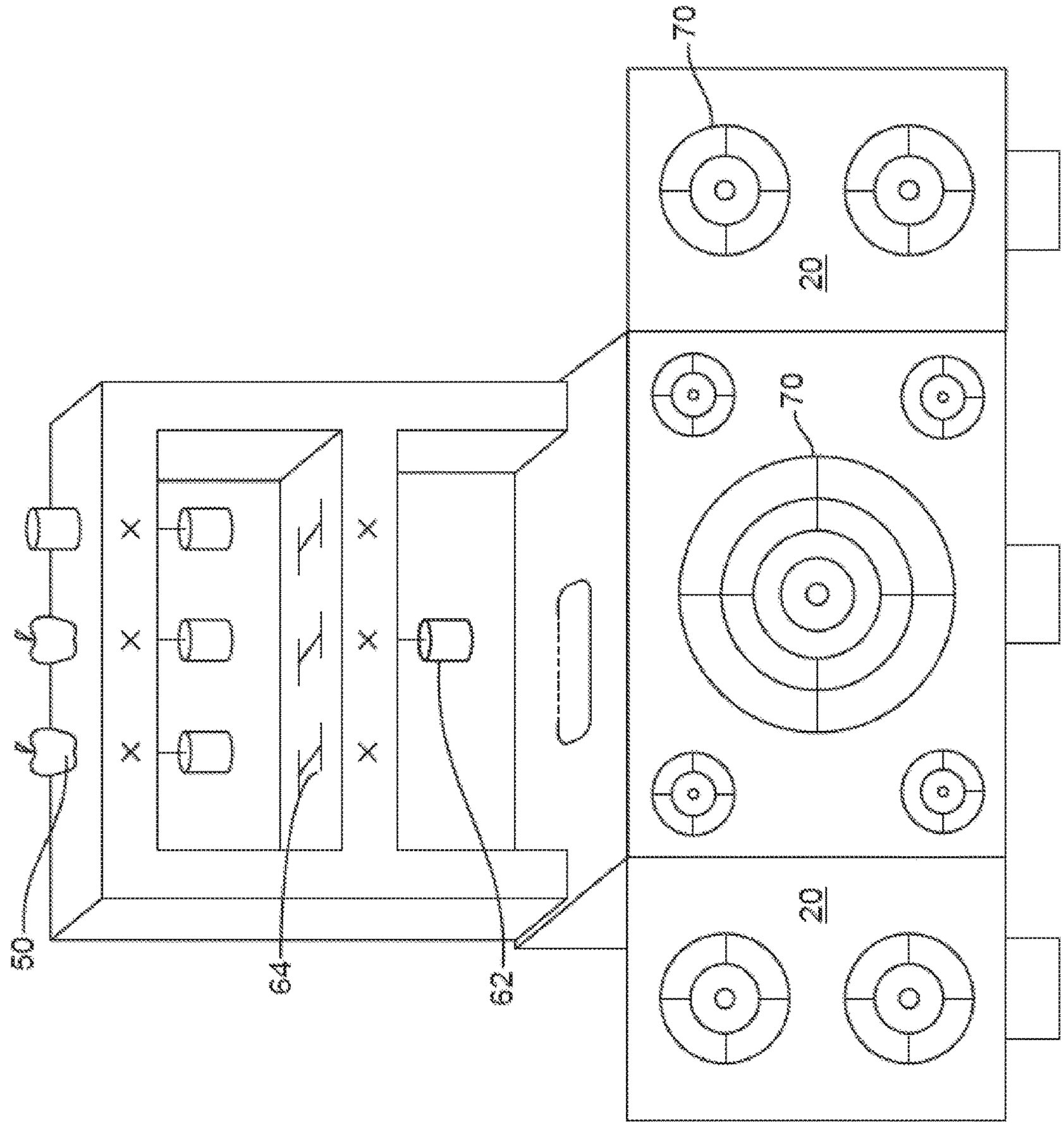

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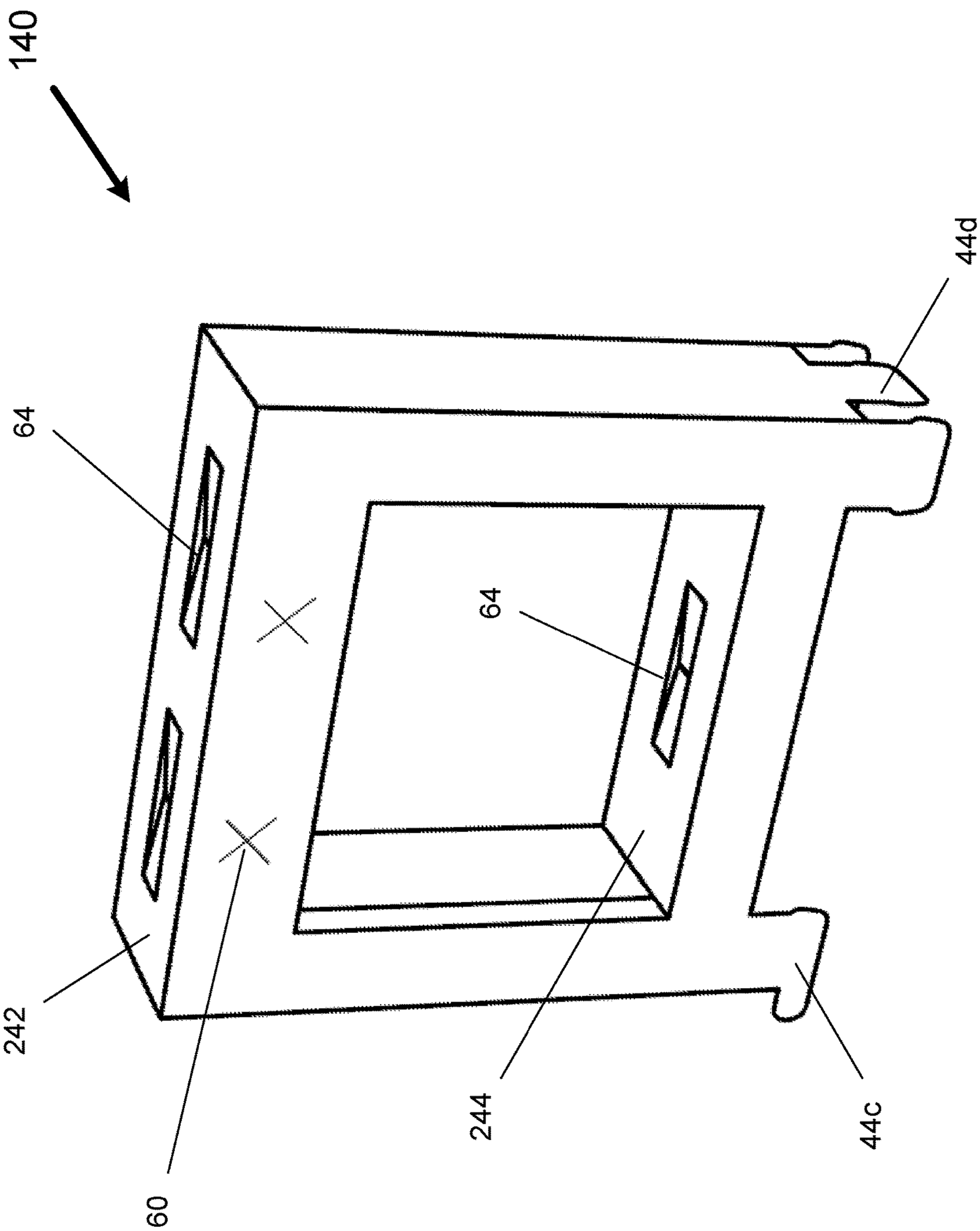

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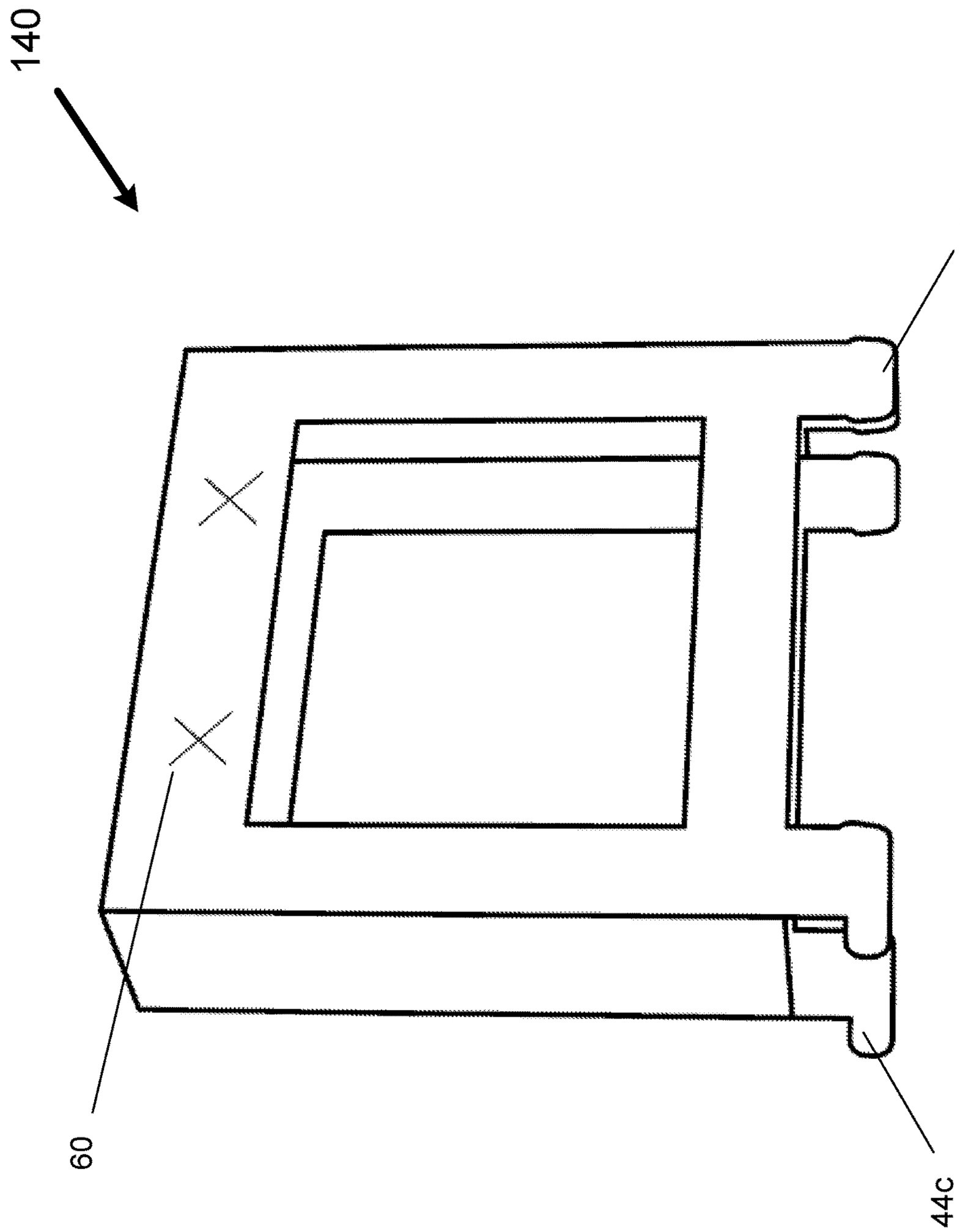

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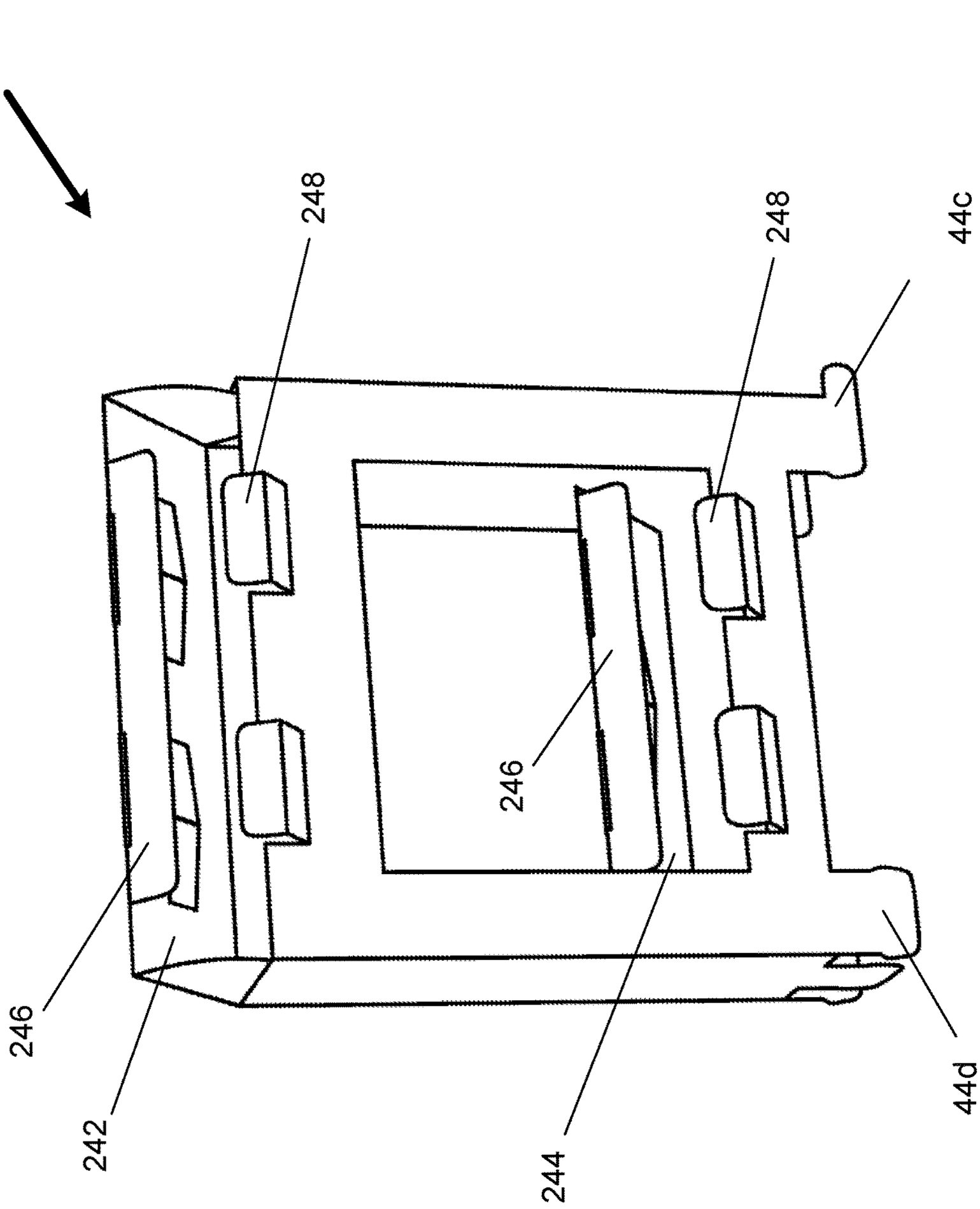

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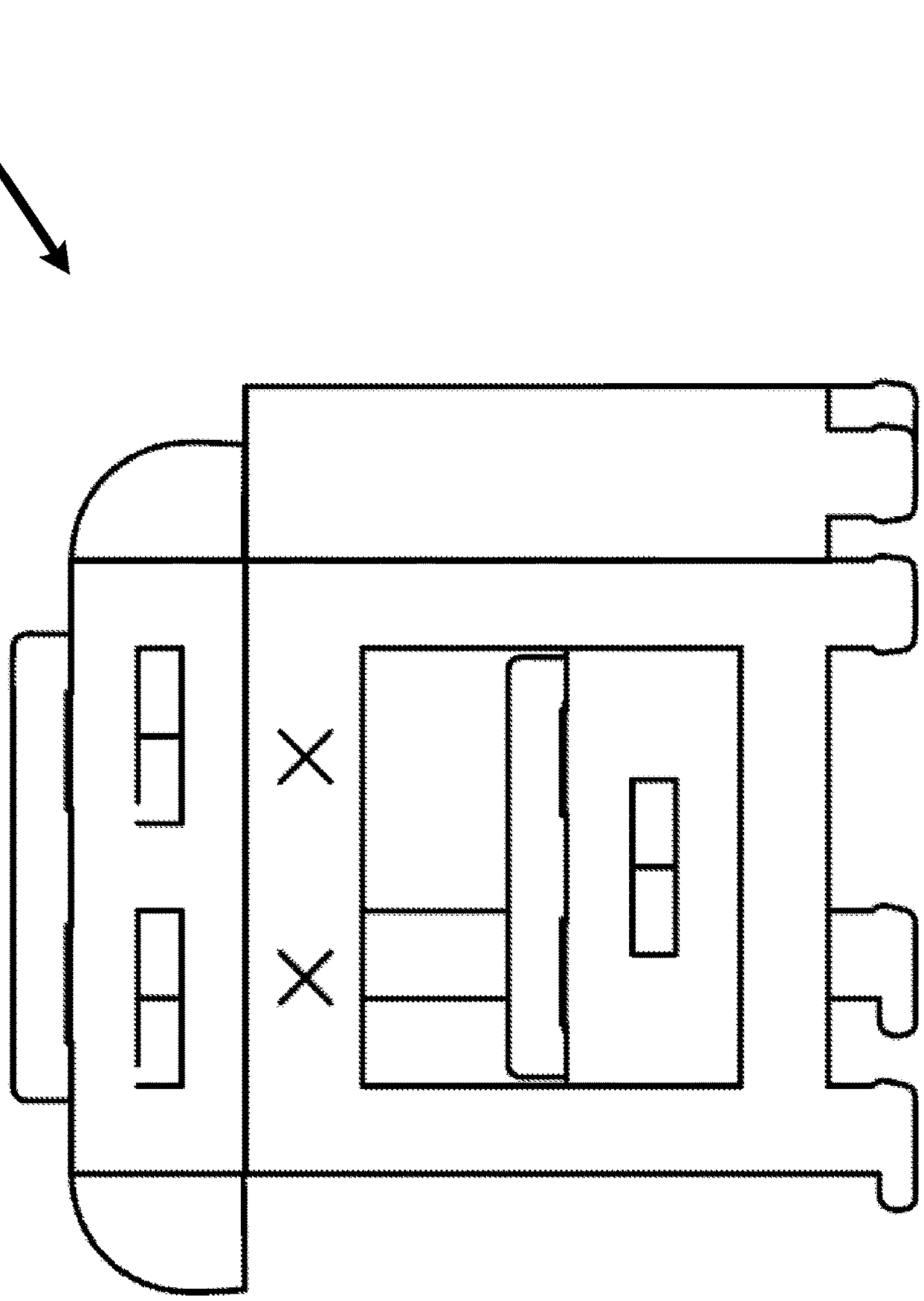

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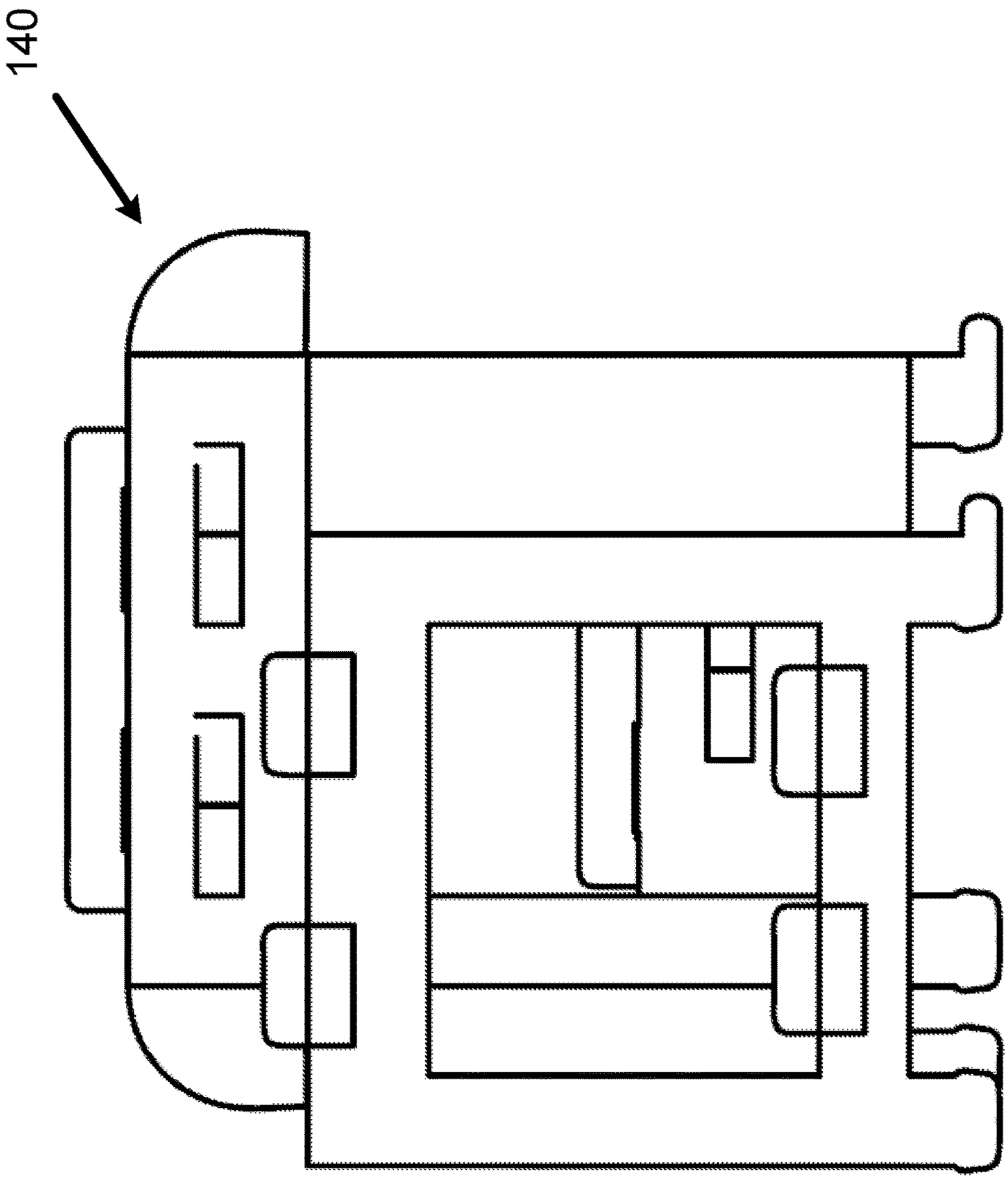

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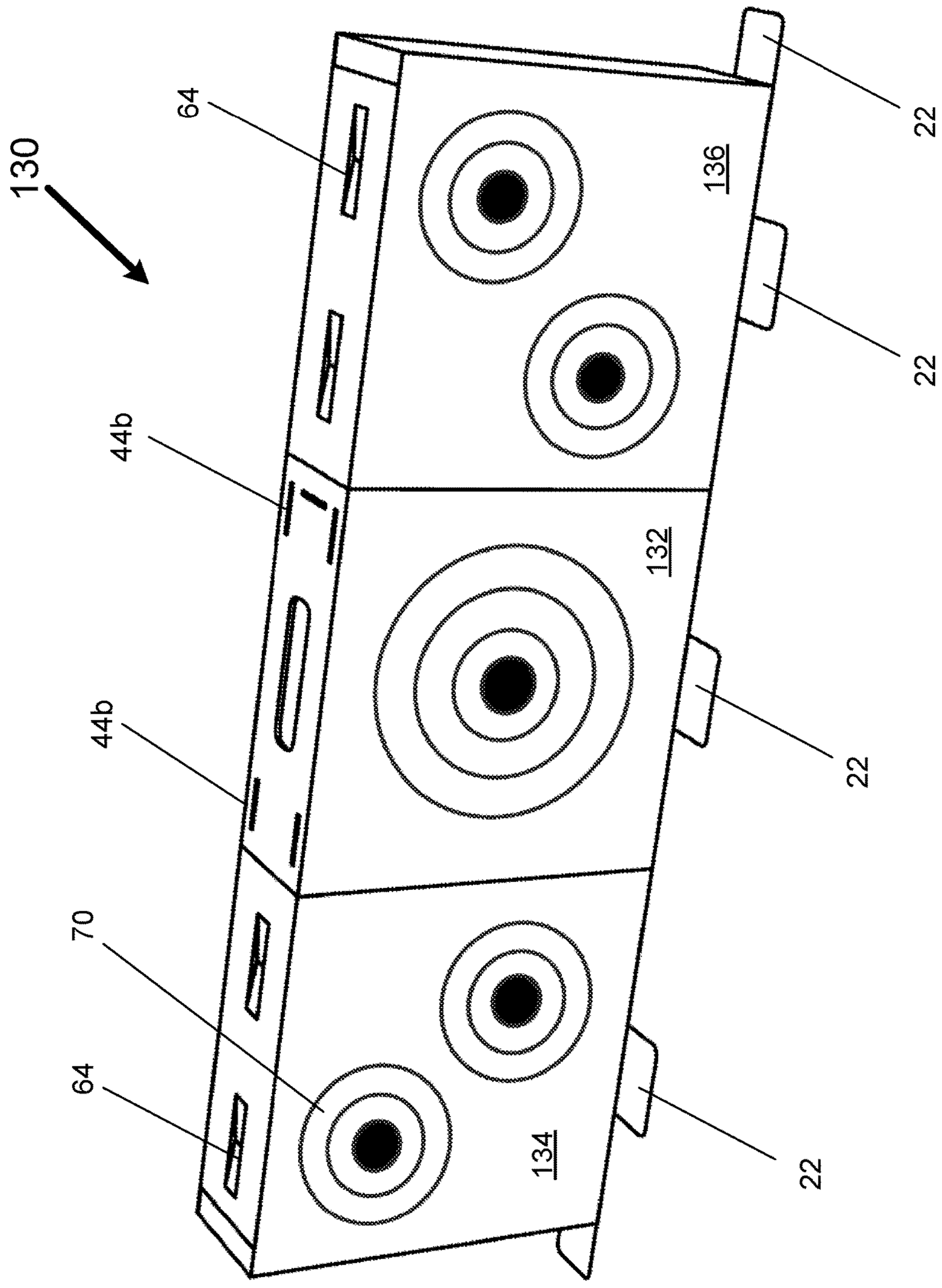

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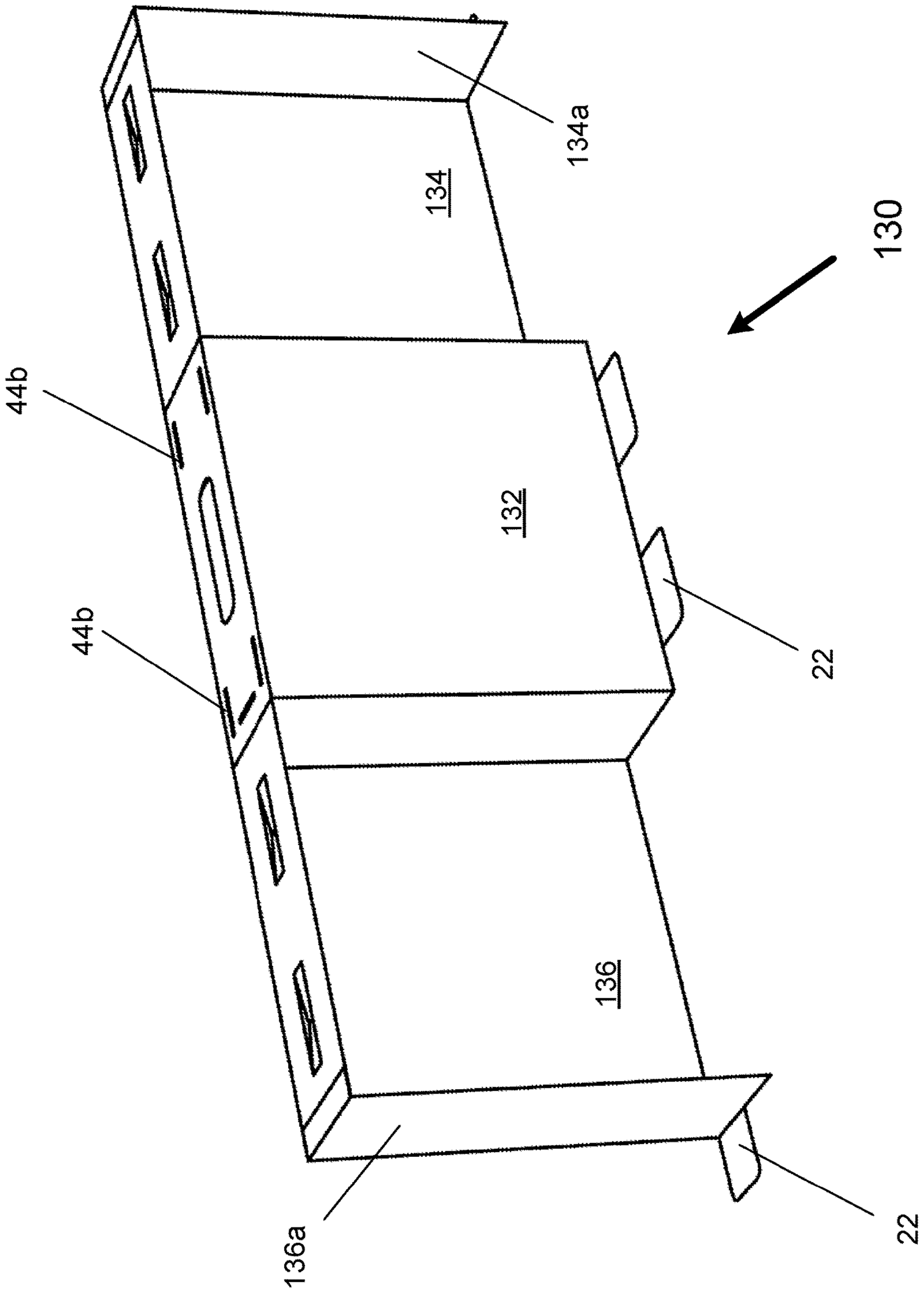

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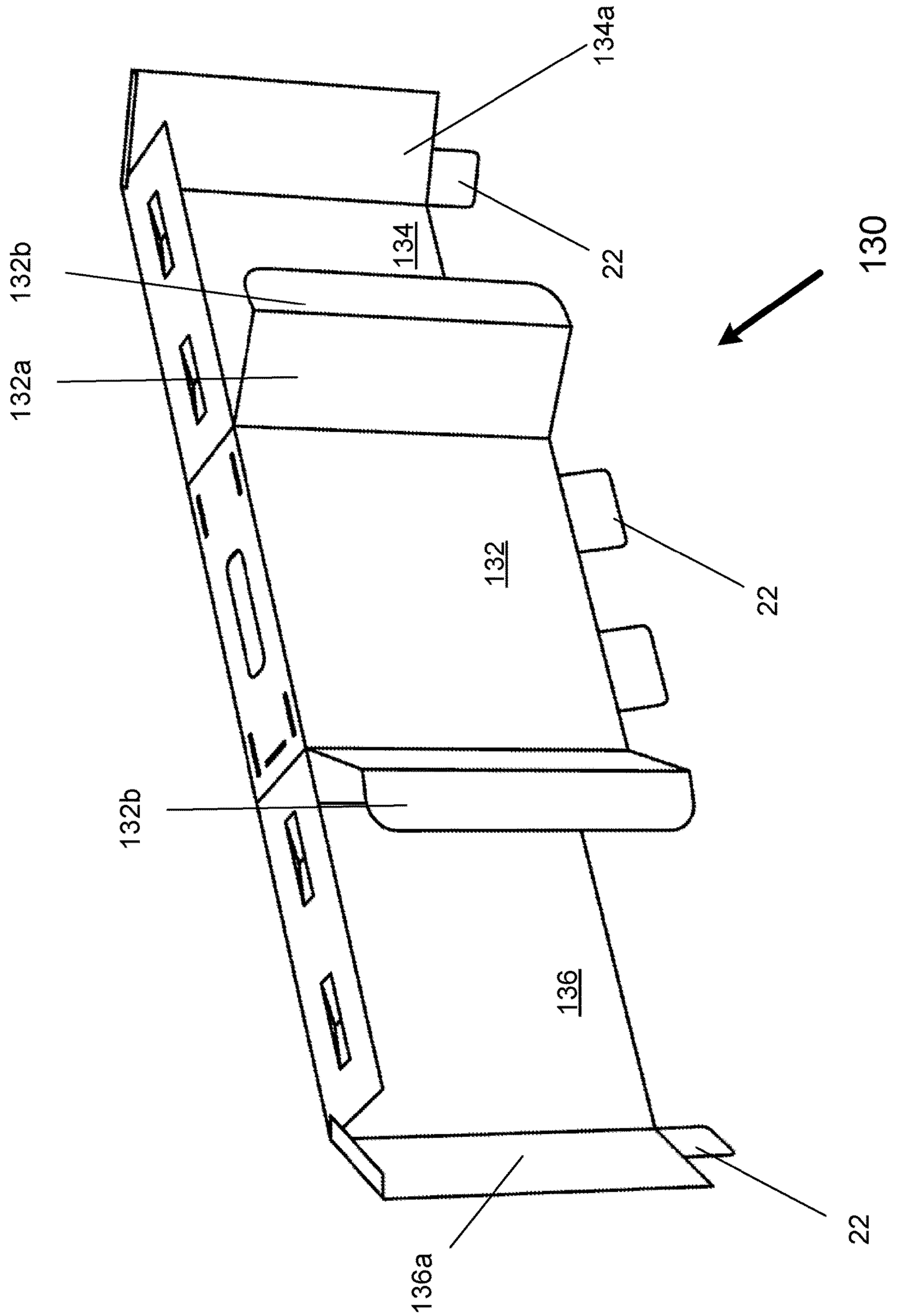

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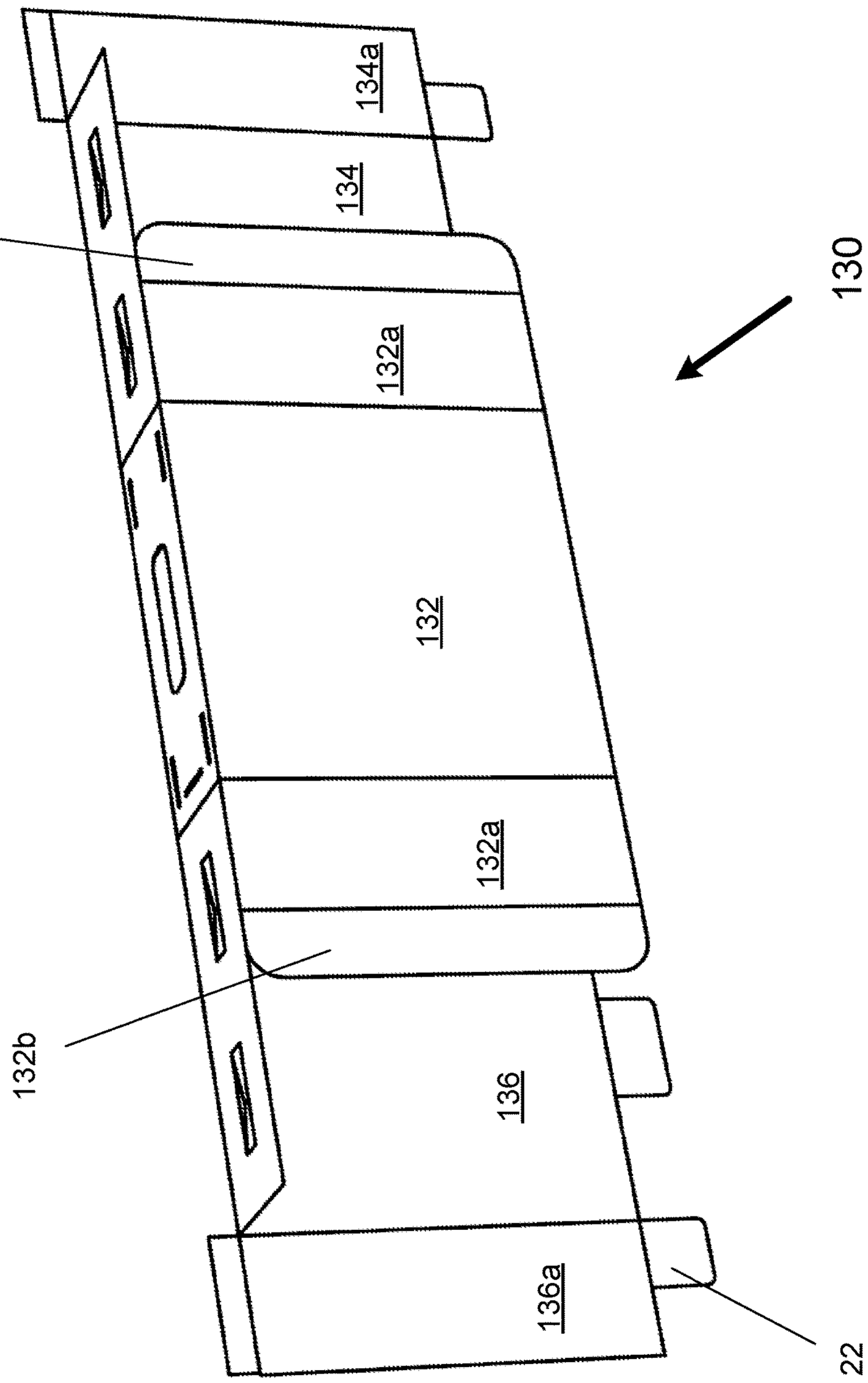

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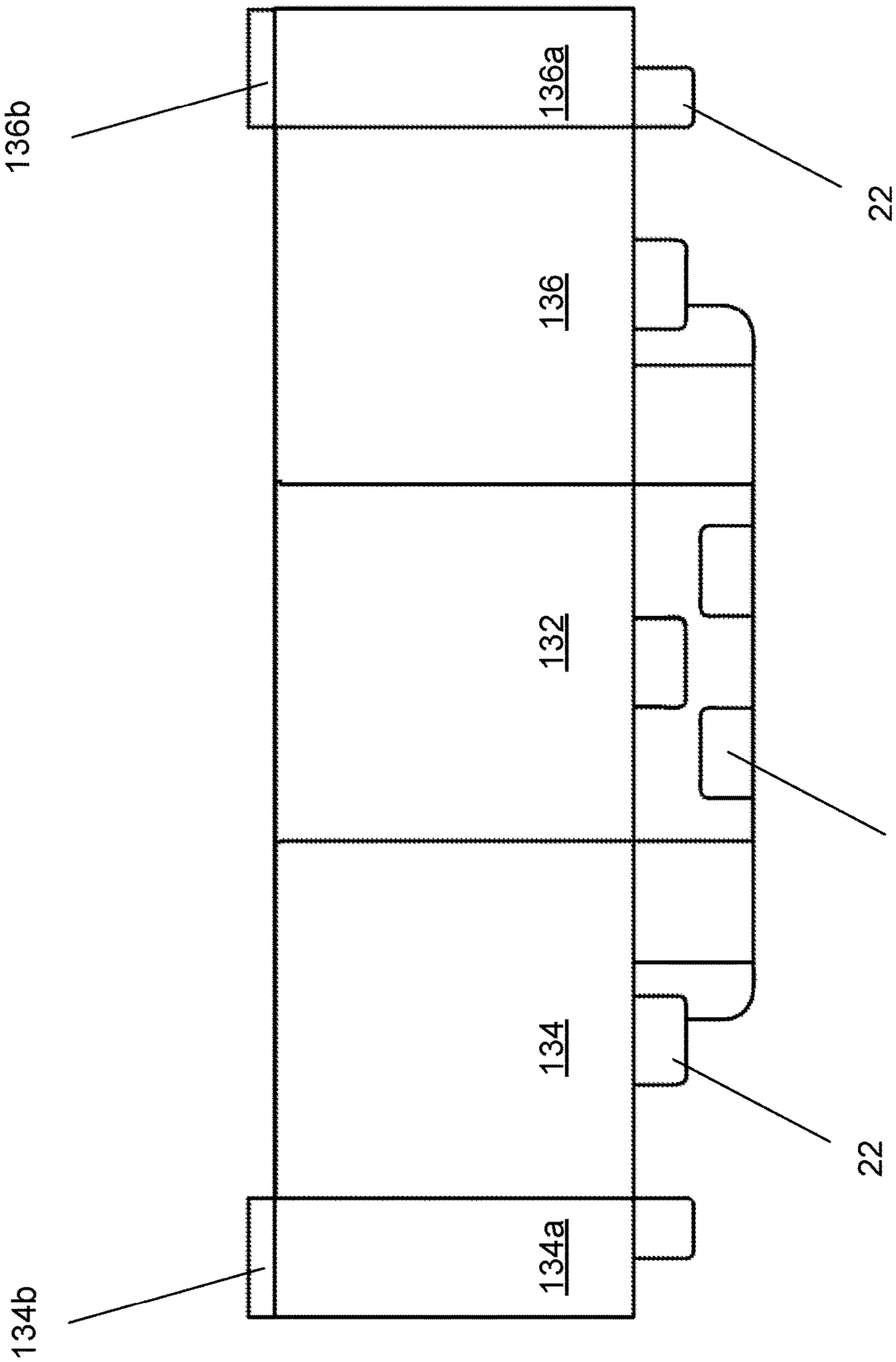

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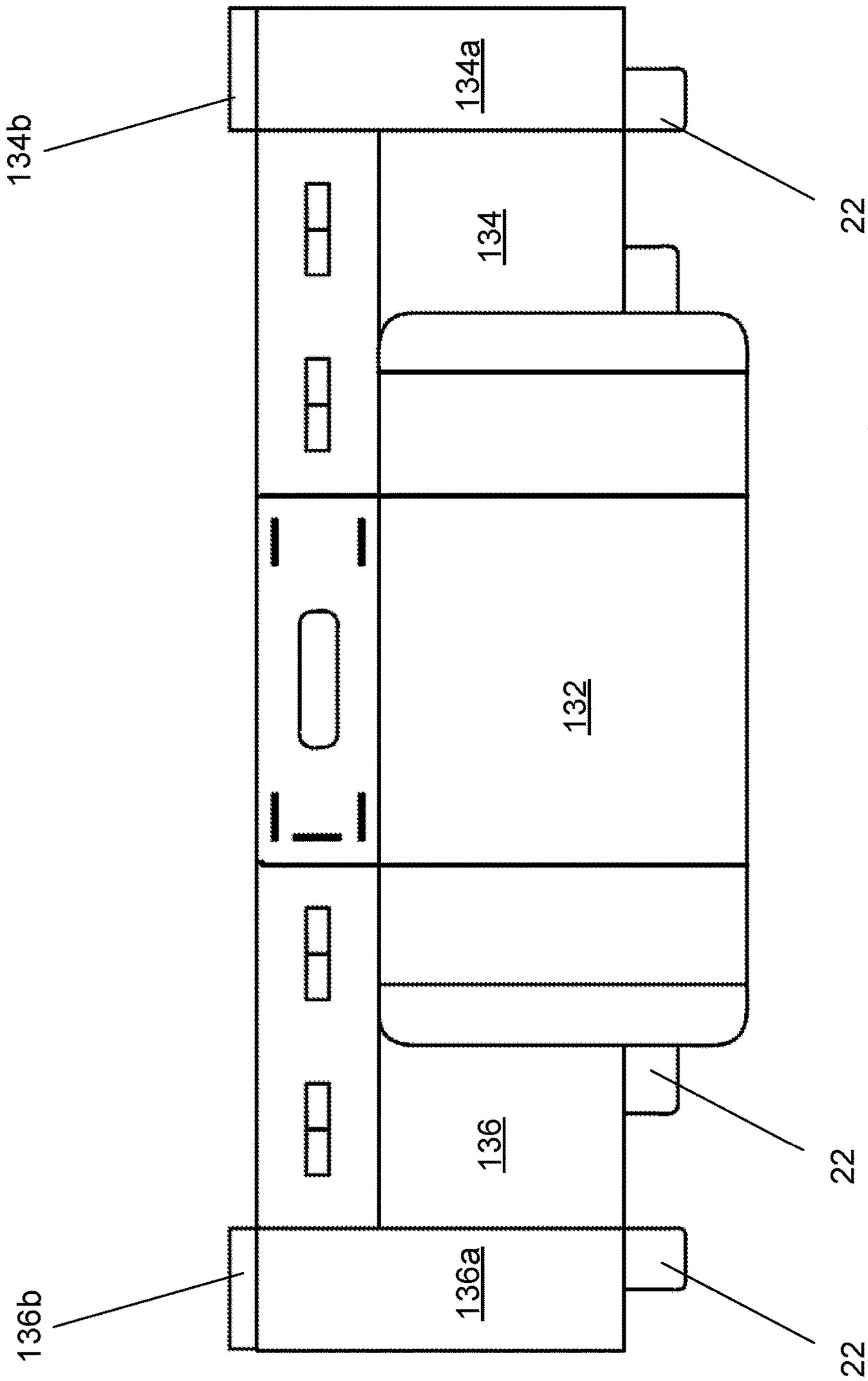

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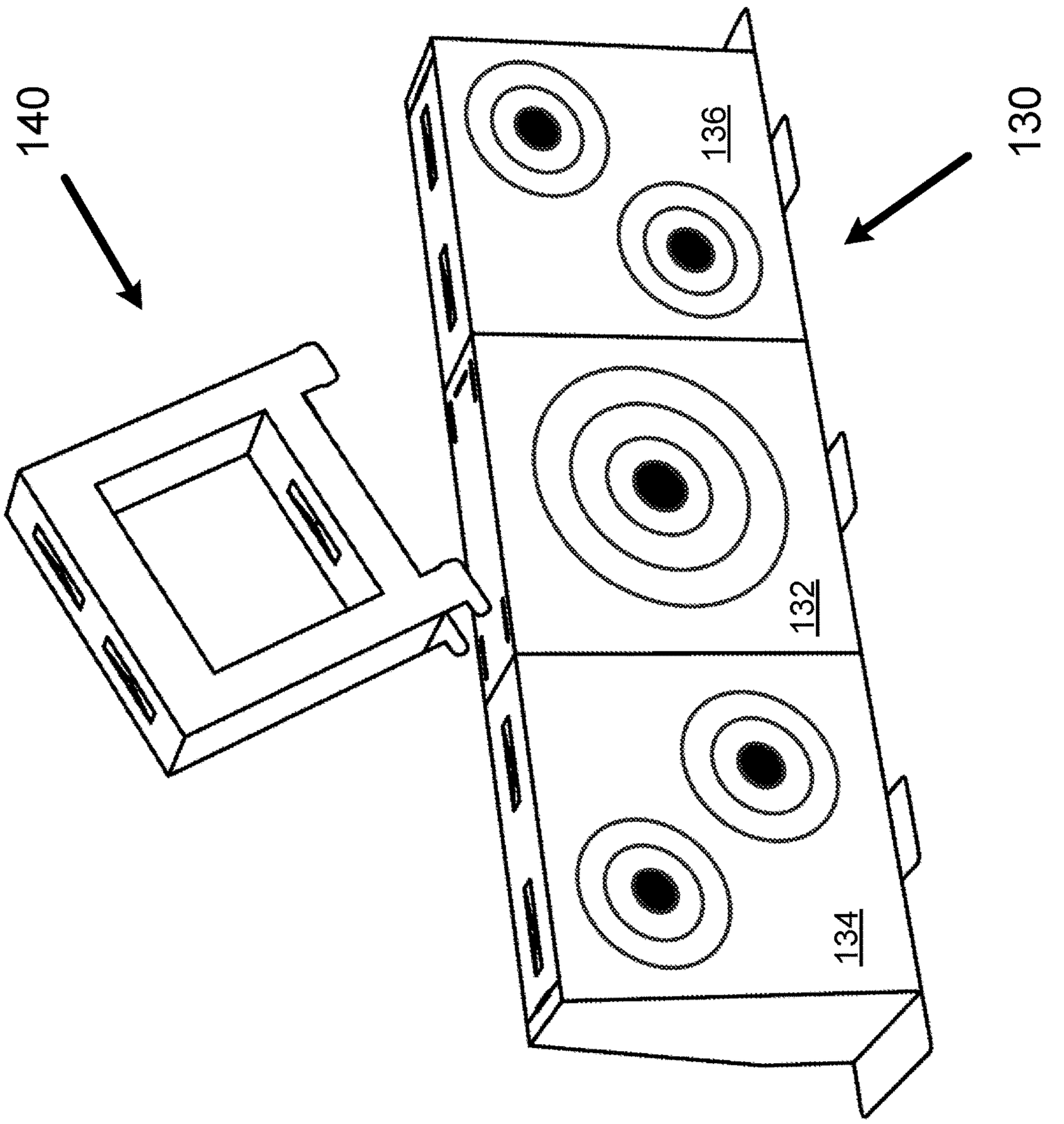

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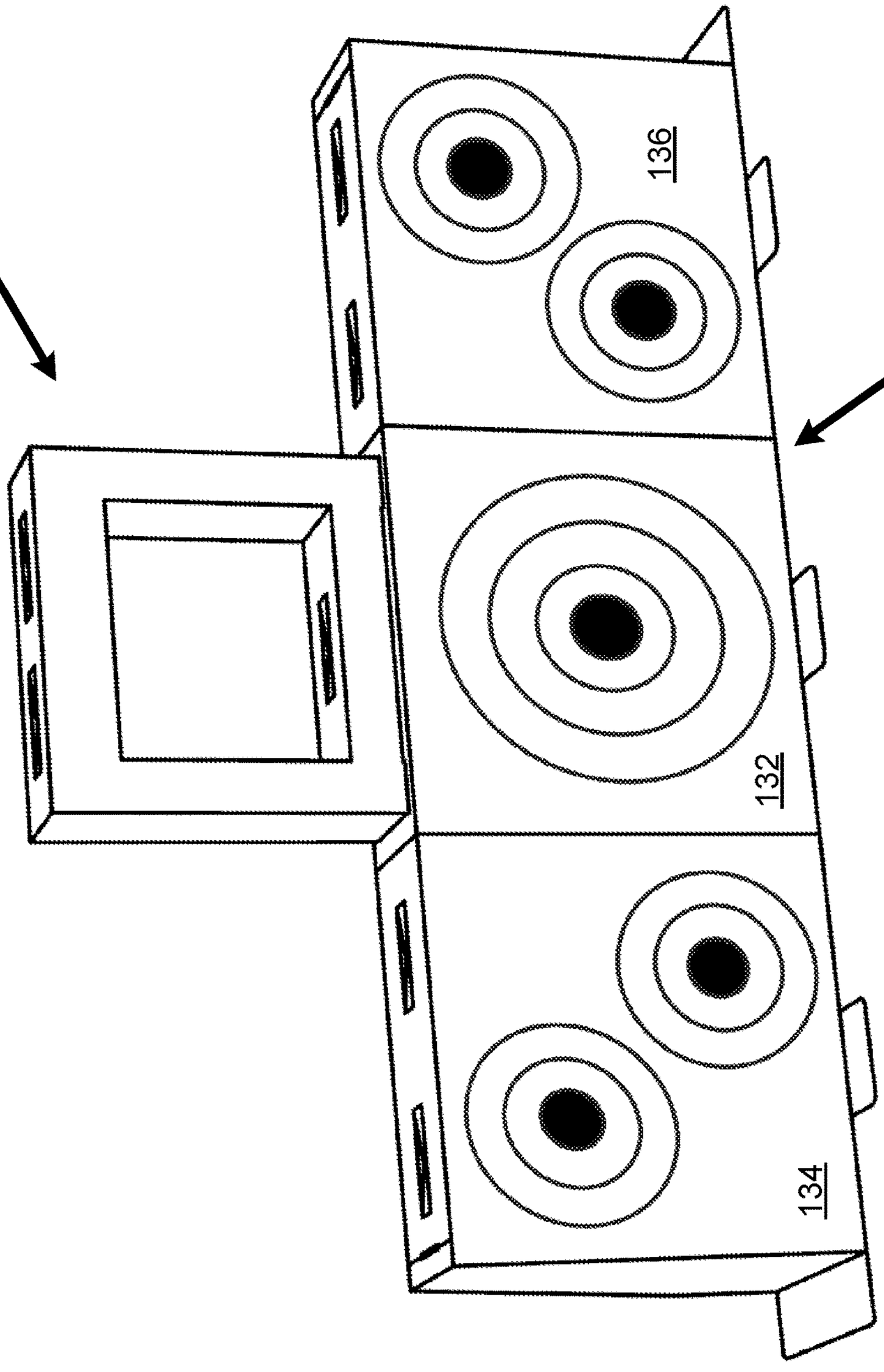

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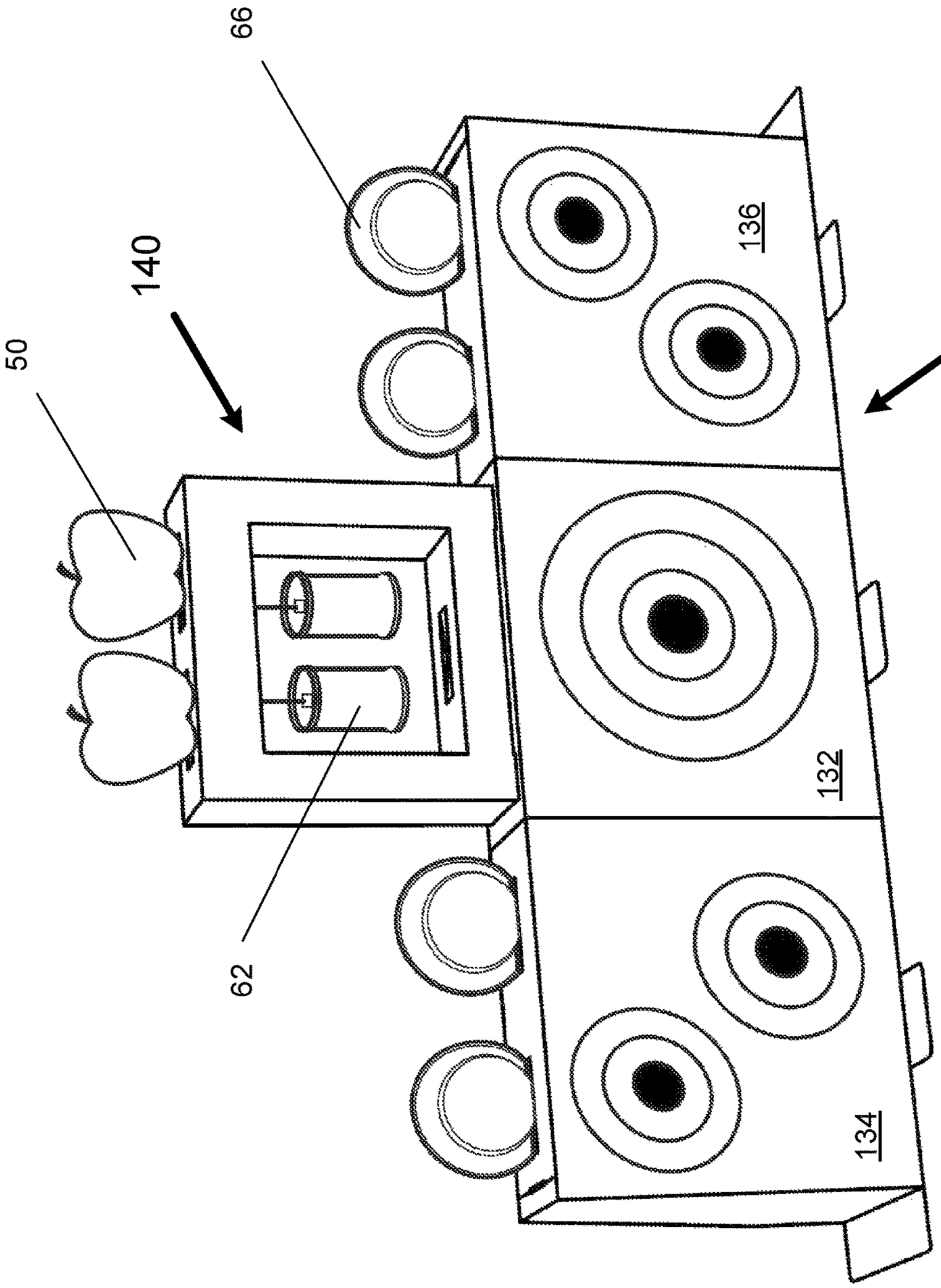

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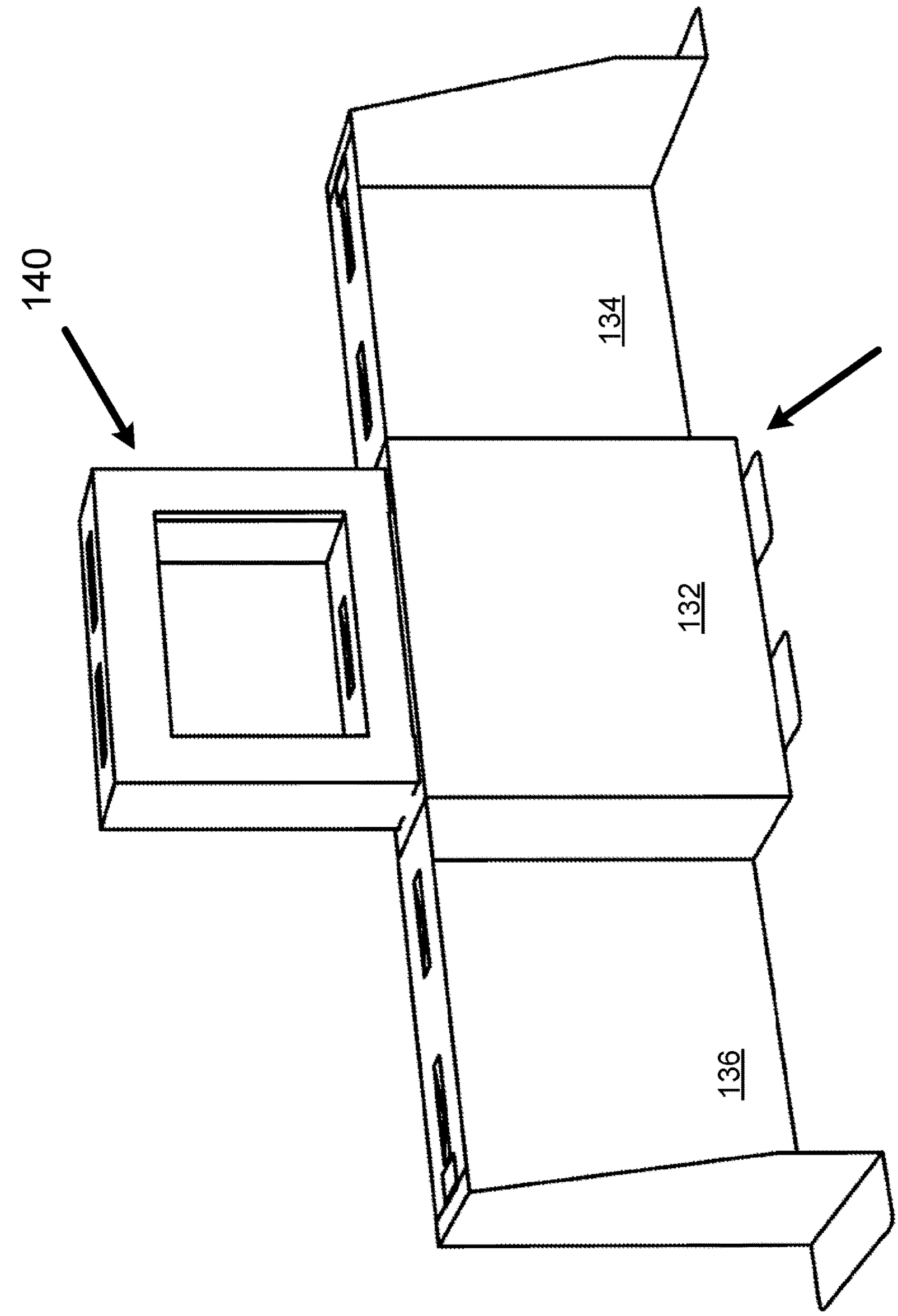

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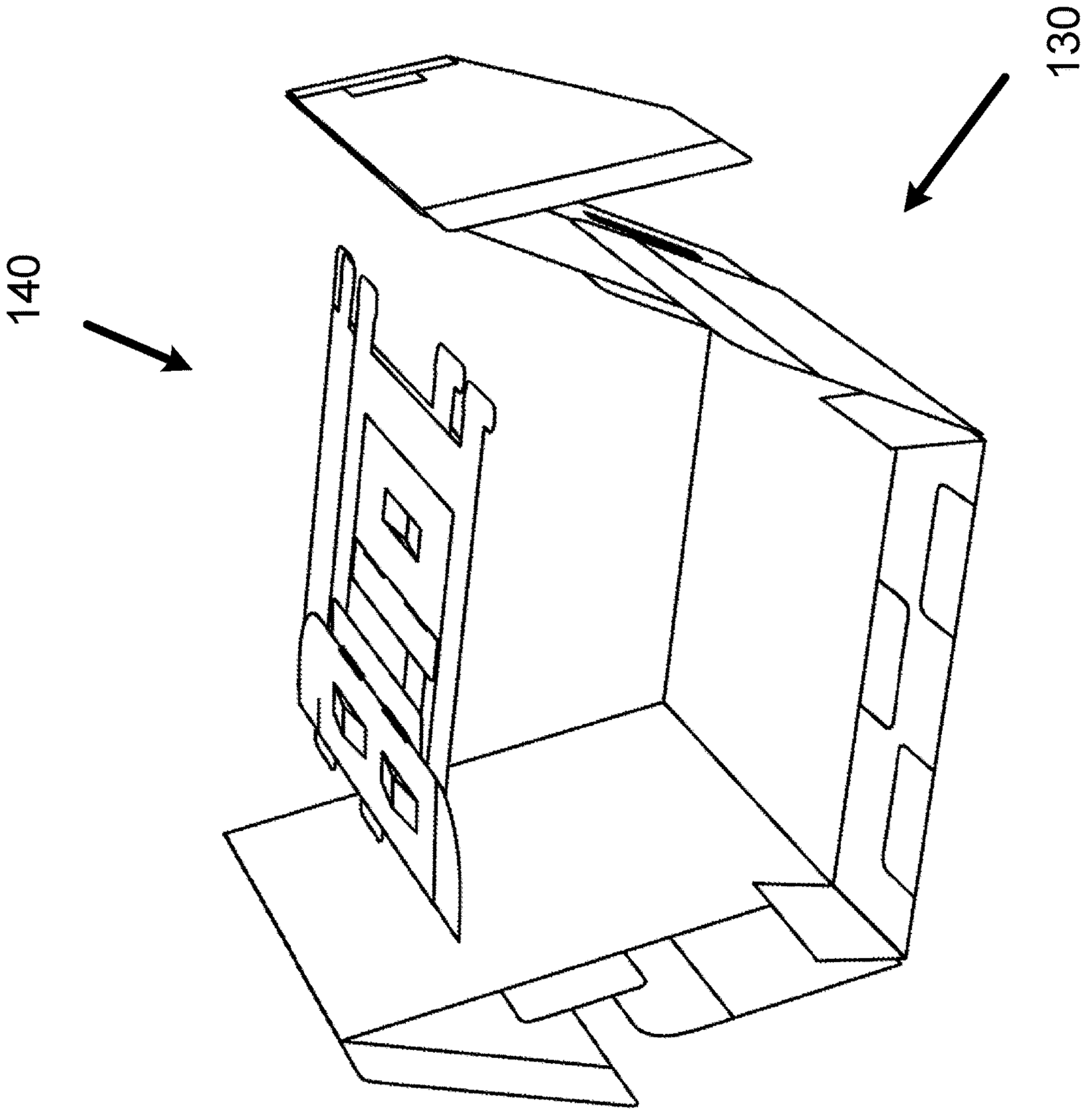

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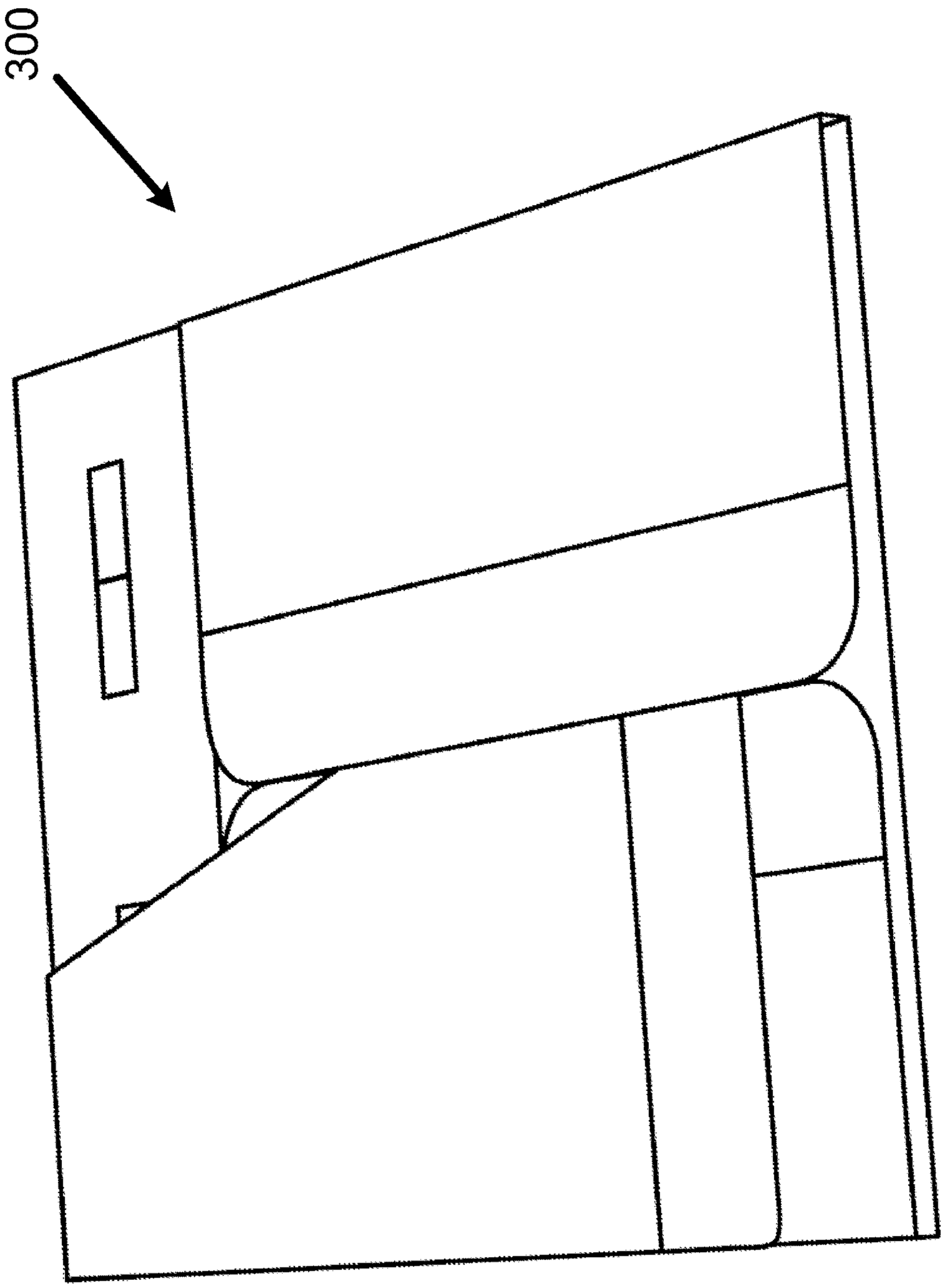

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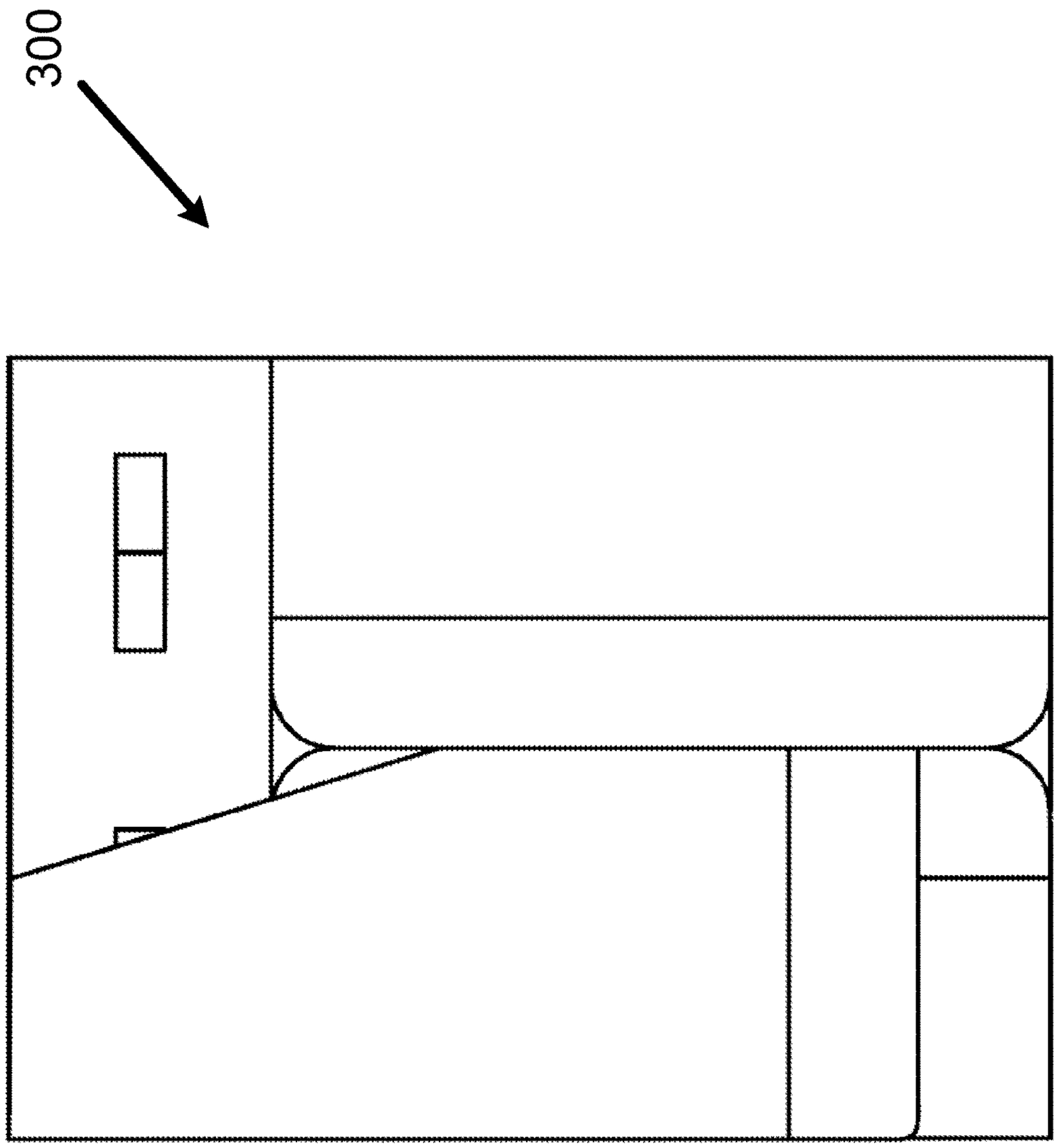

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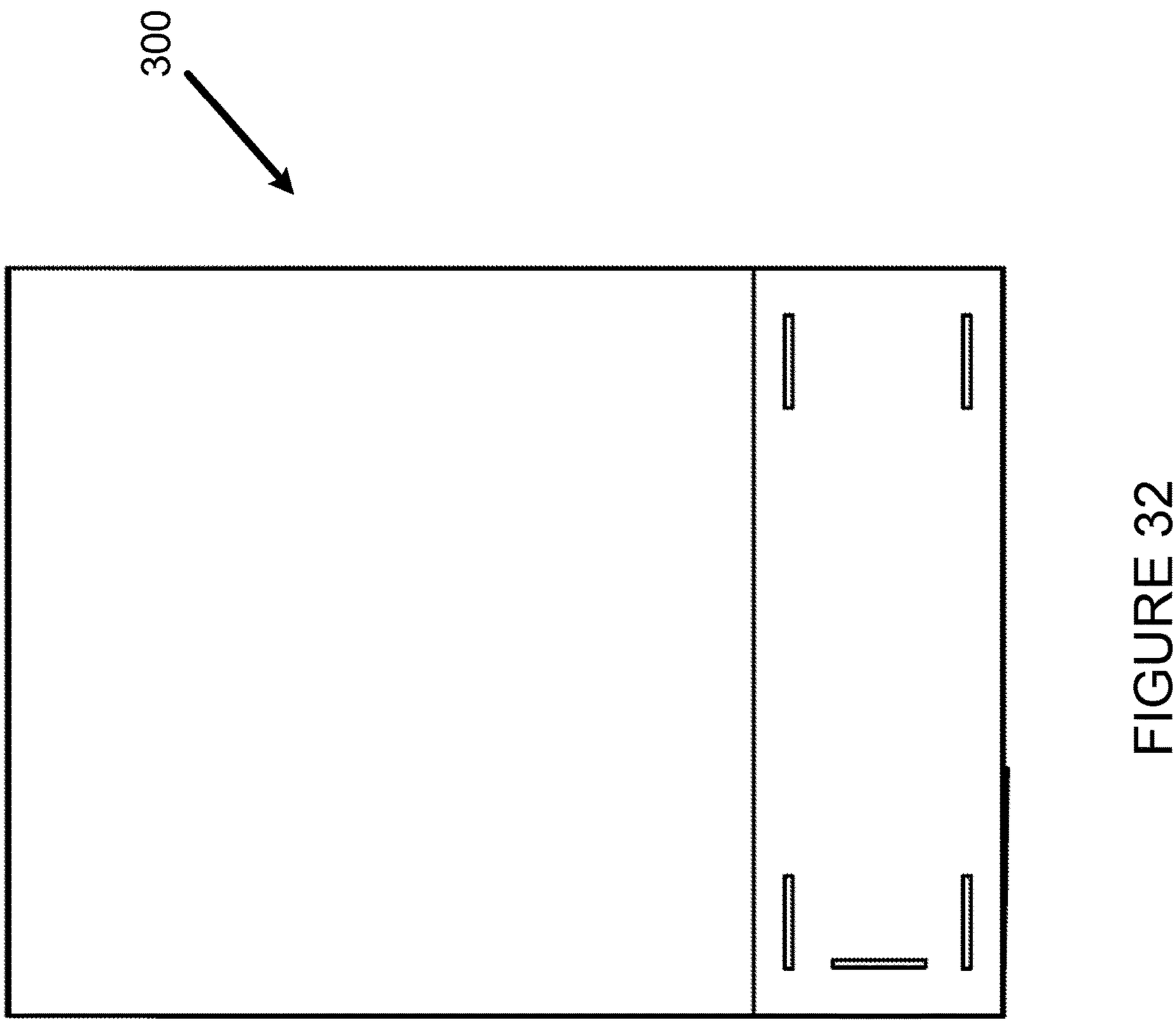

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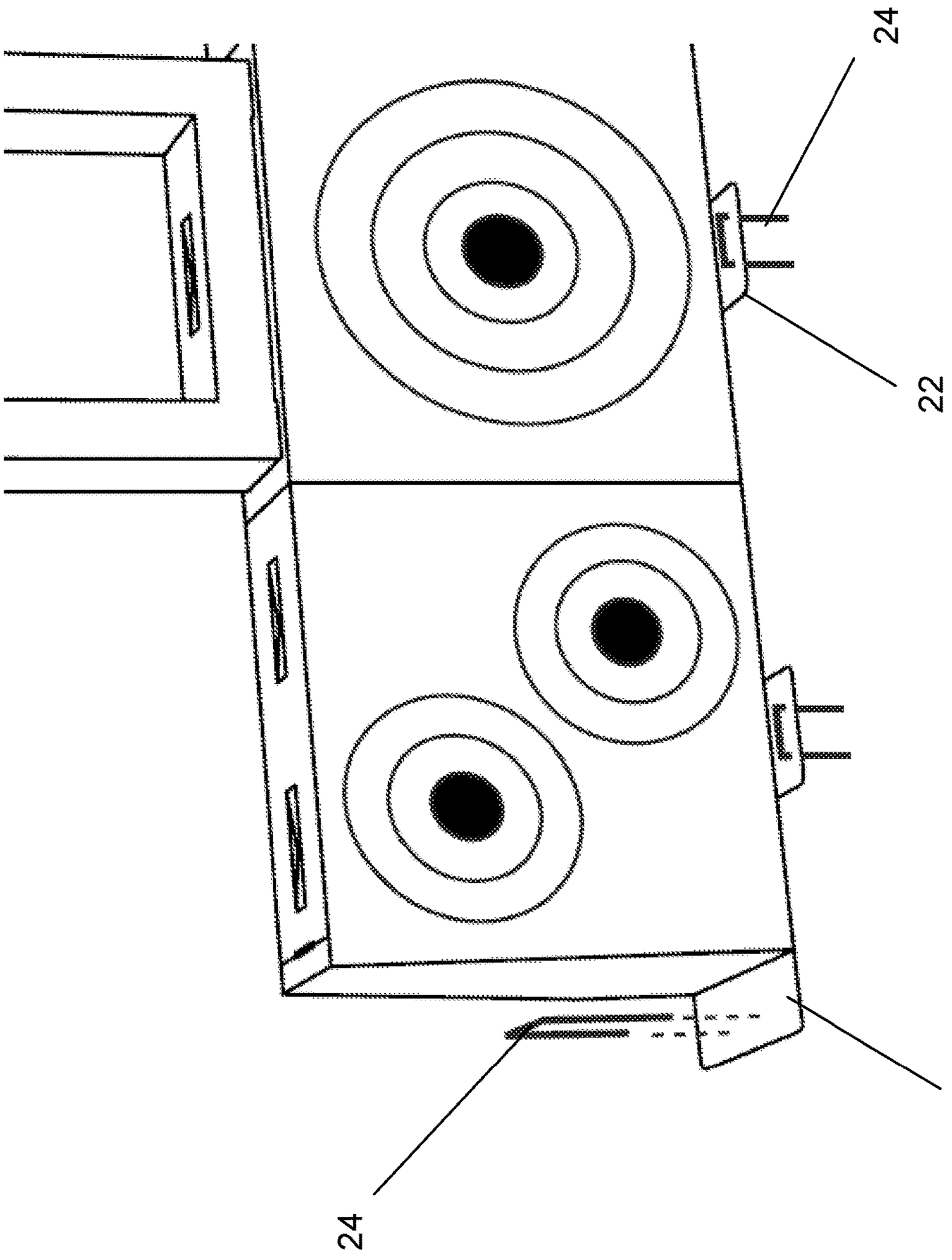

FIGURE 33

PORTABLE SHOOTING TARGET

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 14/205,490, filed Mar. 12, 2014, which claims benefit of and priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/783,079, filed Mar. 14, 2013, by Neely Burks, and is entitled to that filing date for priority. The specifications, figures and complete disclosures of U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/783,079 and application Ser. No. 14/205,490 are incorporated herein by specific reference for all purposes.

FIELD OF INVENTION

This invention relates to a portable shooting target that can be easily transported and constructed in the field. More particularly, this invention relates to a portable shooting target with a shelving system to support a variety of three-dimensional targets.

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

In various exemplary embodiments, the present system comprises a portable target shooting apparatus that is easily transported and constructed in the field, backyard, or other location for shooters to use for training and recreation. Portions of the apparatus comprise graphics for target shooting. In one embodiment, the invention further comprises a shelving system to support a variety of targets, including, but not limited to, three-dimensional targets such as fruit, cans, bottles, clay discs, or any similar item. The apparatus may be made of cardboard, stiff paper, plastic, Kevlar, wood, metal, Styrofoam, or similar materials, or combinations thereof.

In collapsed form the apparatus is a relatively flat, lightweight package, easily carried by a single individual. It may be shrink wrapped, secured by packaging straps, or otherwise fastened so as not to prematurely open. The apparatus may be self-merchandised in its collapsed state or in a partially assembled state, and thus can easily be displayed on a store shelf, gondola, or display apparatus.

The user transports the apparatus in collapsed form to the site, and begins assembly or construction. In one embodiment, assembly or construction comprises unfolding the side panels (or wings), and unfolding the reinforced support box (which forms the base of the apparatus). A reinforcement component is contained in the box itself which folds into an X-shape and is inserted into the support box to reinforce it. In alternative embodiments, a reinforcement component is not provided. Tabs, which may or may not have pre-cut slots or holes, extend from the bottom of the side panels and the support box (and may extend from front, back, or sides), and stakes can be inserted through one or more of said tabs to secure the apparatus to the ground. Where no holes are provided, the stakes are driven through the tabs directly. Alternatively, the apparatus may be weighted with stones, bricks, sand, or the like placed on the tabs or in the interior of the support box.

The support box generally comprises a front face, a top, a back face, and a bottom, contiguously attached along their respective edges, which fold and allow the box to collapse. In this embodiment, the side panels are foldingly attached to the right and left edges of the front face. The right face and left face of the box (when assembled) are contiguously attached along one edge to the right and left edges of the back face. The right and left faces each comprise a folding insert along the edge opposite the edge attached to the back face. Flaps extend from the ends of the top face and bottom face, and during assembly, these are folded inward, the corresponding right or left face is folded over the flaps, and the folding insert is inserted into the space behind the front face to form the side of the box.

An optional shelf unit may be unfolded, and tabs at the bottom of the side supports inserted into matching tabs, holes or slots in the top of the support box so that the shelf is secured on top of the support box. In one embodiment, shelf inserts may be used with the shelving unit. Three-dimensional targets or objects (e.g., cans, fruit, clay discs, or the like) may be placed thereon. In several embodiments, one or more hooks or holes are provided to allow targets (such as cans, and the like) to be suspended by hanging toggles, string or wire. The top of a shelf also may comprise one or more holes or slots to support clay discs, targets, or similar objects.

A variety of shooting target graphics are displayed on the front of the support box and the side panels, as shown. Graphics may be pre-printed on the apparatus. Alternatively, adhesive graphics or the like may be placed (or re-placed) on the apparatus. In one embodiment, replaceable graphics on a heavy card stock or similar material is slid or inserted into place on the apparatus and fastened in place.

By offering a variety of components for target shooting, the user is able to shoot multiple rounds of ammunition at the target apparatus without pausing for target resetting or reloading. Depending on the material used for construction of the apparatus, a variety of firearms may be used. For example, where paper or cardboard or similar material is used, recommended firearms include rifles, handguns, BB-guns, and pellet guns. Depending on the material used for construction, and the amount of use, the apparatus may be single-use or multiple-use.

After use, the product can moved in an assembled form, or may be collapsed, in whole or in part, for re-use, or it may be disposed of. In one embodiment, the side panels or wings can be folded inward to the front face, and secured thereto by the custom cutouts on the bottom of the box (by insertion of the stake tabs on the side panels in the cutouts), thereby allow the product to be moved in a convenient fashion while substantially assembled. Accordingly, the apparatus provides a simple, flexible, portable, easy-to-assemble target shooting system for recreational shooting and training.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. **1** shows front and back views of the portable shooting target in collapsed form.

FIGS. **2**A-D show the portable shooting target being assembled.

FIG. **3** shows the assembled portable shooting target.

FIG. **4** shows front and back views of another embodiment of the portable shooting target in collapsed form.

FIG. **5** shows a front view of another embodiment of the portable shooting target in a partially unfolded state.

FIG. **6** shows a back view of the apparatus of FIG. **5**.

FIG. **7** shows a perspective view of a base in a partially assembled state.

FIG. **8** shows a perspective view of the assembled base with side panels partially closed.

FIG. **9** shows a perspective view of the assembled base with side panels open.

FIG. **10** shows a front view of another embodiment of a shelf unit in a partially unfolded state.

FIG. **11** shows a back view of the shelf unit of FIG. **10**.

FIG. **12** shows a perspective view of the assembled shelf unit.

FIG. **13** shows a perspective view of another embodiment of the assembled portable shooting target.

FIG. **14** shows a right front perspective view of another embodiment of an assembled shelf unit.

FIG. **15** shows a left front perspective view of the shelf unit of FIG. **14**.

FIG. **16** shows a back view of the shelf unit of FIG. **14** partially unfolded or unassembled.

FIG. **17** shows a front view of the shelf unit of FIG. **14** in a flattened configuration.

FIG. **18** shows a back view of the shelf unit of FIG. **14** in a flattened configuration.

FIG. **19** shows a right front perspective view of another embodiment of a base unit.

FIG. **20** shows a back view of the base unit of FIG. **19**.

FIG. **21** shows a back view of the base unit of FIG. **19** partially unfolded or unassembled.

FIG. **22** shows a back view of the base unit of FIG. **19** in an unfolded configuration.

FIG. **23** shows a front view of the base unit of FIG. **19** in a flattened configuration.

FIG. **24** shows a back view of the base unit of FIG. **19** in a flattened configuration.

FIG. **25** shows a front perspective view of the shelf unit of FIG. **14** being assembled with the base unit of FIG. **19**.

FIG. **26** is a front perspective view of the assembled target of FIG. **25**.

FIG. **27** is a front perspective view of the assembled target of FIG. **26** with targeting options added.

FIG. **28** is a back perspective view of the assembled target of FIG. **25**.

FIG. **29** is a perspective view of the shelf unit and base unit being folded together.

FIG. **30** is a front perspective view of the folded target.

FIG. **31** is another front view of the folded target of FIG. **30**.

FIG. **32** is a back view of the folded target of FIG. **30**.

FIG. **33** is a close-up view of stakes being used to secured the assembled target.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS

In various exemplary embodiments, the present system comprises a portable target shooting apparatus that is easily transported and constructed in the field, backyard, or other location for shooters to use for training and recreation. Portions of the apparatus comprise graphics for target shooting. In one embodiment, the invention further comprises a shelving system to support a variety of targets, including, but not limited to, three-dimensional targets such as fruit, cans, bottles, clay discs, or any similar item. The apparatus may be made of cardboard, stiff paper, plastic, Kevlar, wood, metal, Styrofoam, or similar materials, or combinations thereof.

FIGS. **1** and **4** show various embodiments of the apparatus in collapsed form **10**. In collapsed form the apparatus is a relatively flat, lightweight package, easily carried by a single individual. It may be shrink wrapped, secured by packaging straps, or otherwise fastened so as not to prematurely open.

The apparatus may be self-merchandised in its collapsed state or in a partially assembled state, and thus can easily be displayed on a store shelf, gondola, or display apparatus. In the embodiment shown in FIG. **1**, the back panel **12** of the box is the consumer-facing side when collapsed. The target and related graphics are substantially located on the interior faces. Additional components, such as, but not limited to, shelving, reinforcements, instructions, stakes, and toggles, may be folded into the back or interior of the product, and enclosed by the side panels.

The user transports the apparatus in collapsed form to the site, and begins assembly or construction. In one embodiment, as seen in FIGS. **2**A-D, assembly or construction comprises unfolding the side panels (or wings) **20**, and unfolding the reinforced support box **30** (which forms the base of the apparatus) (FIG. **2**A). A reinforcement component **32** is contained in the box itself which folds into an X-shape and is inserted into the support box to reinforce it (FIG. **2**B). In alternative embodiments, a reinforcement component is not provided. Tabs **22**, which may or may not have pre-cut slots or holes, extend from the bottom of the side panels and the support box (and may extend from front, back, or sides), and stakes **24** can be inserted through one or more of said tabs to secure the apparatus to the ground (FIG. **2**C). Where no holes are provided, the stakes are driven through the tabs directly. Alternatively, the apparatus may be weighted with stones, bricks, sand, or the like placed on the tabs or in the interior of the support box. A handle, hole, or grip **34** may be provided to assist in carrying the apparatus when assembled, as seen in FIG. **8**.

FIGS. **5-9** show the unfolding and assembly of another embodiment of the support box or base **30**. The support box generally comprises a front face **36***a*, a top **36***b*, a back face **36***c*, and a bottom **36***d*, contiguously attached along their respective edges, which fold and allow the box to collapse. In this embodiment, the side panels **20** are foldingly attached to the right and left edges of the front face **36***a*. The right face **36***e* and left face **36***f* of the box (when assembled) are contiguously attached along one edge to the right and left edges of the back face **36***c*. The right and left faces each comprise a folding insert **36***g* along the edge opposite the edge attached to the back face. Flaps **36***h* extend from the ends of the top face and bottom face, and during assembly, these are folded inward, the corresponding right or left face is folded over the flaps, and the folding insert is inserted into the space behind the front face to form the side of the box.

If desired, the shelf unit **40** may be unfolded, and tabs **44***a* at the bottom of the side supports **42** inserted into matching tabs, holes or slots **44***b* in the top of the support box so that the shelf is secured on top of the support box (as seen in FIG. **2**D). In one embodiment, shelf inserts **46** may be used with the shelving unit. FIGS. **10** and **11** show an alternative embodiment of the shelf unit when folded, where the shelf tops are folding attached to the front of crosspieces between the side supports, and are folded back with tabs inserted into matching slots on back crosspieces. FIG. **12** shows the shelf unit when assembled. In this embodiment, there are two tabs **44***c* on one end of the shelf unit with an elongated end (for more secure fastening) to be inserted first, with three straighter tabs **44***d* on the other end of the shelf unit.

FIGS. **3** and **13** show two embodiments of the apparatus fully constructed, complete with shelving unit **40** and three-dimensional targets or objects **50** (e.g., cans, fruit) placed thereon. In several embodiments, one or more hooks or holes **60** are provided to allow targets **62** (such as cans, and the like) to be suspended by hanging toggles, string or wire. As seen in FIG. **13**, the top of a shelf also may comprise one or more holes or slots **64** to support clay discs, targets, or similar objects **66**.

A variety of shooting target graphics **70** are displayed on the front of the support box and the side panels, as shown. Graphics may be pre-printed on the apparatus. Alternatively, adhesive graphics or the like may be placed (or re-placed) on the apparatus. In one embodiment, replaceable graphics on

a heavy card stock or similar material is slid or inserted into place on the apparatus and fastened in place.

FIGS. **14-33** show an alternative embodiment of the present invention. FIGS. **14-15** show a shelf unit **140** with an upper shelf **242** and a lower shelf **244**. Two tabs **44***c* on one end of the shelf unit have an elongated end (for more secure fastening) to be inserted first, with three straighter tabs **44***d* on the other end of the shelf unit, as described above. Both the upper shelf and lower shelf have one or more target-supporting holes or slots **64**, as described above, and the upper shelf comprises one or more hooks or holes **60** to suspend other targets.

FIG. **16** shows the shelf unit **140** is a partially unfolded state from the back. The upper shelf and lower shelf have been folded upward along a hinge with the front face of the shelf unit. A long tab **246** extends along the back of the each of the upper shelf and lower shelf, and tuck into and along the back face of the shelf unit when assembled. One or more locking flaps **248** are inserted into corresponding slots at the upper part of the corresponding long tab **246**. End tabs at the end of the shelves fold down and into the shelf unit along the side faces when assembled. All components can be fully unfolded into a flattened configuration, as seen in FIGS. **17** and **18**.

FIGS. **19-20** show another embodiment of a base unit **130**. The base unit comprises a central base unit **132** with contiguous right **134** and left **136** base units. When assembled, the front face of all three base units are in the same plane. The base units can fold along the edges between the adjacent base units.

When fully assembled and unfolded, the central base unit comprises a box. In the embodiment shown, the central box has six sides (front, back, top, bottom, right and left sides). The right and left sides **132***a* fold along the connecting edge with the back face, as seen in FIG. **21**. Securing flaps **132***b*, which fold along the connecting edge with the sides, tuck into and along the front face when assembled.

The right and left base units extend to either side of the central base unit. The right and left base units each have a top, foldingly connected along the edge to the front of each unit. Each top may comprise one or more target-supporting holes or slots **64**, as described above.

The right and left base units also each have a side **134***a*, **136***a*, which foldingly connect along an edge to the front of each unit. The sides each may be angled or beveled or angled along the back edge, as seen in FIG. **28**. Securing flaps **134***b*, **136***b* at the top are used to help secure the sides when the full base is assembled. As described above, all components can be fully unfolded into a flattened configuration, as seen in FIGS. **23** and **24**.

While the base unit and shelf unit can be used separately, the full target is constructed by connecting the assembled shelf unit to the top of the central base unit, as seen in FIGS. **25** and **26**. As discussed above, first the long tabs of the shelf unit are inserted into corresponding slots in the top of the central base unit, and then the shorter tabs of the shelf units are inserted into their corresponding slots. The fully assembled target, with apples **50**, dishes **66**, and suspended cans **62** put in place is shown in FIG. **27**.

For packaging, sales, and transport, the shelf unit can be folded inside the base unit, as seen in FIG. **29**. The folded shelf unit, in flattened configuration **140**, is placed upon the folded central base unit, also in flattened configuration. The right and left base units are folded along respective edges over the folded shelf unit, to form a secure folded package **300**, as seen in FIGS. **30-32**. The beveled edges of the sides, described above, may be tucked under opposing components to help secure the package and prevent unwanted unfolding. The package may be shrink-wrapped for marketing, as described above.

A plurality of stake tabs **22** extend from the front, back and sides of the components of the base unit, as seen in FIGS. **19-22**. These are used with stakes **24**, as described above, to help secure the assembled target to the ground, as seen in FIG. **33**.

By offering a variety of components for target shooting, the user is able to shoot multiple rounds of ammunition at the target apparatus without pausing for target resetting or reloading. Depending on the material used for construction of the apparatus, a variety of firearms may be used. For example, where paper or cardboard or similar material is used, recommended firearms include rifles, handguns, BB-guns, and pellet guns. Depending on the material used for construction, and the amount of use, the apparatus may be single-use or multiple-use.

After use, the product can moved in an assembled form, or may be collapsed, in whole or in part, for re-use, or it may be disposed of. In one embodiment, the side panels or wings can be folded inward to the front face, and secured thereto by the custom cutouts on the bottom of the box (by insertion of the stake tabs on the side panels in the cutouts), thereby allow the product to be moved in a convenient fashion while substantially assembled. Accordingly, the apparatus provides a simple, flexible, portable, easy-to-assemble target shooting system for recreational shooting and training.

Thus, it should be understood that the embodiments and examples described herein have been chosen and described in order to best illustrate the principles of the invention and its practical applications to thereby enable one of ordinary skill in the art to best utilize the invention in various embodiments and with various modifications as are suited for particular uses contemplated. Even though specific embodiments of this invention have been described, they are not to be taken as exhaustive. There are several variations that will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

What is claimed is:

1. A shooting target apparatus for firearms, comprising:

a multi-part collapsible target support for shooting of firearms, configured to both be a shooting target itself and a support for additional three-dimensional targets, said multi-part collapsible target support comprising a three-part base unit and a shelf unit, wherein the three-part base unit has with both an unfolded configuration and a folded configuration, and the shelf unit has both an unfolded configuration and a folded configuration;

said three-part base unit comprising

a six-sided central base support with a top side, a bottom side, a front side, a back side, a right side, and a left side, wherein the top side is hingedly attached to the front side along a mutual first edge, the top side is hingedly attached to the back side along a mutual second edge, the bottom side is hingedly attached to the front side along a mutual third edge, the bottom side is hingedly attached to the back side along a mutual fourth edge;

wherein the right side comprises a right side securing flap extending along a front edge of the right side, and is hingedly attached only to the back side along a back edge opposite the securing flap; and

wherein the left side comprises a left side securing flap extending along a front edge of the left side, and is hingedly attached only to the back side along a back edge opposite the securing flap;

a three-sided right base support with a top side, a front side, and a right side, wherein the right side of the right base support has a top edge, a front edge, a back edge, and a bottom edge with a right base support side stake tab foldingly attached thereto, wherein the back edge is angled outward from the top edge to the bottom edge at least in part so the bottom edge is longer than the top edge; and

a three-sided left base support with a top side, a front side, and a left side, wherein the left side of the left base support has a top edge, a front edge, a back edge, and a bottom edge with a left base support side stake tab foldingly attached thereto, wherein the back edge is angled outward from the top edge to the bottom edge at least in part so the bottom edge is longer than the top edge;

a first plurality of slots in the top side of the central base support, a second plurality of slots in the top side of the right base support, and a third plurality of slots in the top side of the left base support, wherein at least some of the plurality of slots in the top side of the central base support are parallel to a plane formed by the front side of the central base support, and at least some of the slots in the top side of the central base support are perpendicular to the plane formed by the front side of the central base support;

wherein the front side of the right base support is foldingly attached to the front side of the central base support along a fifth mutual edge between the front side of the right base support and the front side of the central base support;

wherein the front side of the left base support is foldingly attached to the front side of the central base support along a sixth mutual edge opposite the fifth mutual edge; and

further comprising a plurality of shooting targets displayed on the front side of the central base support, the front side of the right base support, and the front side of the left base support; and

said shelf unit comprising

a box with a top side, a front side, a back side, a right side, and a left side, with a rectilinear hole centrally disposed in each of the front side and the back side with a bottom shelf extending therebetween;

a first pair of tabs extending downward from the front side and back side of the shelf unit proximate the right side or left side of the shelf unit;

a second pair of tabs extending downward from the front side and back side of the shelf unit proximate the left side or right side opposite the first pair of tabs, wherein the second pair of tabs each comprise an elongated end forming an L-shape to securely engage a corresponding slot of said plurality of slots in the top side of the central base support;

a plurality of slots in the top side of the shelf unit, said plurality of slots configured to hold said additional three-dimensional targets in a target position for firearms shooting; and

a plurality of slots in the bottom shelf configured to hold said additional three-dimensional targets in a target position.

2. The shooting target apparatus of claim **1**, wherein the front sides of the central base support, right base support, and left base support each have a bottom edge, and further comprising a plurality of stake tabs extending outward from the bottom edge of the front side of the central base support, the bottom edge of the front side of the right base support, and the bottom edge of the front side of the left base support, said tabs configured to secure the base unit to the ground when unfolded.

3. The shooting target apparatus of claim **1**, further comprising a plurality of suspension hooks or holes in the front side or the back side of the shelf unit.

4. The shooting target apparatus of claim **1**, wherein in said folded configuration, the shelf unit is folded substantially flat and is contained within the folded three-part base unit.

5. The shooting target apparatus of claim **1**, wherein the multi-part collapsible target support is configured to be disposed of after a single use as a firearm shooting target with multiple rounds of ammunition.

6. A method of shooting targets with a firearm, comprising the steps of:

providing a shooting target apparatus as set forth in claim **1**;

transporting the shooting target apparatus, with said three-part base unit and said shelf unit in folded configuration, to a target shooting location;

unfolding the three-part base unit and the shelf unit and assembling the shooting target apparatus therefrom at the target shooting location; and

shooting a firearm at the shooting target apparatus.

7. The method of claim **6**, further comprising the step of placing additional targets on the three-part base unit and/or the shelf unit.

8. The method of claim **6**, wherein the step of shooting a firearm comprises shooting multiple rounds of ammunition at the shooting target apparatus without pausing for target resetting.

9. The method of claim **6**, further comprising the step of disposing of the shooting target apparatus after the step of shooting a firearm.

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